

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Britain's Budget

THE main bone of contention about Mr Macmillan's proposals for "securing the welfare and solvency of the nation" will be whether his incentives outweigh his impositions.

There is nothing dramatic about the Chancellor's budget, but it enjoys the distinction of being partly conventional and partly unorthodox. What other British Chancellor has dared to offer tax-free lottery prizes as an inducement to purchase savings bonds?

It is not in the ordinary sense a "popular" budget, but it strikes an interesting balance between concessions and impositions, designed to be complementary in their purpose.

THE "attractive" proposals are: tax free prizes for investors purchasing £1 savings bonds; better rates of interest for government savings certificates and defence bonds; exemption from income tax on the first £15 from Post Office savings deposits; increased family allowances; reduction of stamp duty for people buying their own homes.

The "unattractive" proposals are: increased tobacco tax; increased tax on distributed and undistributed profits; abolition of bread subsidies which will increase the price of a loaf of bread by three pence halfpenny; duty on wines to be extended to cider and perry.

Among the new impositions, only the increase in bread prices can be deemed by the general public as harsh, but the Chancellor has displayed political sagacity as well as fairness in delving a little deeper into business profits.

FOR the government one of the most important questions about the budget proposals is whether the tax free prizes for savings bonds will catch the imagination of the public. It is a gamble on the public's gambling instincts. Mr Macmillan is hoping that there will be such a rush for these bonds that the prizes totalling up to £1,000 every three months will be repaid a thousandfold. But will it catch on? One disadvantage about these particular bonds is that they carry no interest, and therefore possess no long-term investment value. On the other hand the chance of a quick and substantial return possesses an appealing inducement.

The scheme is, for Britain, a novel experiment, and if it wins the public's support, will rate as one of the most successful ventures by any British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

WIDESPREAD BUDGET BENEFITS

Tax Relief For Pensions Will Help 22 Million

London, Apr. 17.
Mr Macmillan's first budget today was very far-reaching.

For example, the tax relief for pensions benefit up to 11 million people, about 1½ million professional and other self-employed persons and about nine and a half million employed people not covered by present pension schemes.

By this and other new inducements to savings the Chancellor remits about £20 million of taxation but expects it to be recouped several times over by people saving more.

By far the most important feature of the budget is the

promised cut of £100 million in Government spending. All Government spending is to be controlled by enlarging personal incomes and the supply of money. The cut in it should reduce the base of the inflationary pyramid.

Second only to the cuts in Government spending is the decision that the nationalised industries shall in future finance their capital expenditure direct from the Treasury. This global cut in Government spending is additional to the cut of £23.5 million a year from ending the bread subsidy. That subsidy started in 1941.

Its ending, which was expected to be political dynamite, was announced by the Chancellor with such nonchalance that the House of Commons hardly noticed it.

MACMILLAN
AND HIS
BUDGET BOX



coal industry financed it from the market and the banks with the Treasury's guarantee.

This change should mean something more than an important technical improvement. It could lead to closer Treasury control of the nationalised industries.

Like the other inducements to savings, the "premium bond" proposal had been fairly

widely expected. Subscribers to the bonds have their capital assured and gamble with the interest.

The prospective prizes of £1,000 do not compare with the lotteries in some overseas countries or with the one in millions chance of winning £75,000 in a football pool.

CLOSER CONTROL

Following a Royal Commission's recommendation to abolish the discriminatory tax on dividends, last October's budget and today's have both increased it. Total taxation on dividends in Britain thus becomes 72½ per cent, and the recipient of them still has to pay surtax.

The Stock Exchange will not like this boost in the dividend tax. But it will welcome the cuts in Government spending, the inducements to savings, and the Chancellor's en-

couraging forecast of a recovery on the invisible side of the balance of payments.

The banks will welcome the Chancellor's decision against official fixing of their liquidity ratios. Most other countries have a system of liquidity ratios, and the recent South African budget adopted it. In Britain the Chancellor has decided that the matter is best left to the unwritten law.

REMARKABLY FAR

Contrary to some expectations, the Chancellor did not remove the exemption of industry and agriculture from local government taxes, or the tax relief on cars bought by businesses.

All told, however, he went remarkably far to put force into his message that the British people are determined to protect the pound and to win through.—Reuter.

Eisenhower's 8-Point Plan To Win Election

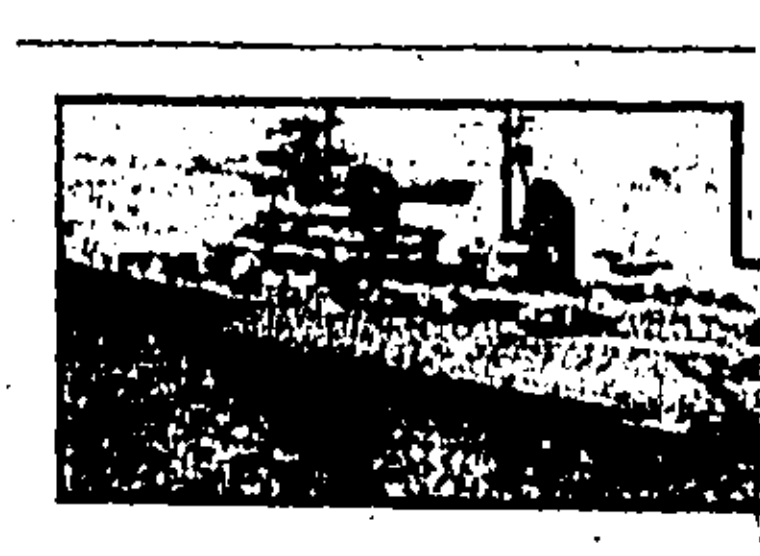
Washington, Apr. 17.
President Eisenhower told Republican leaders tonight "we will win" the elections this autumn if "we build a crusading organisation".

"Let us go before the country this autumn with a programme that is concerned with those things which count most—people and principles," he said.

"We will win, if from the moment of your arrival home you work to build a crusading organisation of inspired morale, determined to interpret Republican principles."

Summing up his views for a programme that would be "good for all Americans, whether they work in the field or factory, or office," Mr Eisenhower told the Republican leaders the 1956 Republican platform should embrace these principles:

- ☆ "The individual is of supreme importance."
- ☆ "The spirit of our people is the strength of our nation."
- ☆ "America does not prosper unless all Americans prosper."
- ☆ "Government must have a heart as well as a head."
- ☆ "Courage in principle, co-operation in practice make freedom possible."
- ☆ "The purpose of government is to serve, never to dominate."
- ☆ "To stay free we must stay strong."
- ☆ "Under God, we espouse the cause of freedom and justice and peace for all people."
- ☆ Expanding his seventh and eighth points, the President said: "To stay free America must stay strong. Americans must give themselves with sufficient military strength to discourage resort to war and protect their nation's vital interests; they must help to strengthen the collective defence of three nations against those who would seek their ends through aggression. Their own and their allied strength must be spiritual, intellectual, scientific, material."—United Press.



Cyprus Curfew

Nicosia, Apr. 17.
A dusk-to-dawn vehicle curfew has been imposed on Nicosia for one week, starting tomorrow, an official statement says today. This punishment follows the "brutal murder" of a Cypriot Greek Police officer last Sunday.

Gaza Shooting

Cairo, Apr. 17.
Israeli Forces opened fire on Egyptian positions in the Gaza strip three times today, an Egyptian military spokesman said tonight. The Egyptians did not return the fire and there were no casualties, he said.—Reuter.

Bulganin & Khrushchev Near Portsmouth

Portsmouth, Apr. 18.
The Soviet cruiser, Ordzhonikidze, carrying Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev, was sailing down the English Channel today on its way to Portsmouth.

It was escorted by two destroyers. The two Soviet leaders are due to disembark just before midday.

But their arrival will be a hurried affair without the usual colourful trimmings accorded to notable foreign visitors.

Unprecedented security precautions will prevent large crowds from gathering to welcome the Russians.

Protocol decrees that the Russian tour cannot be officially regarded as a State occasion, so even the ships anchored at the wharves will be unable to "dress overall" to welcome the visitors.

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev will be welcomed by Lord Reading, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office on behalf of the Government.

First official job for Marshal Bulganin when he steps ashore will be to inspect a guard of honour.

Then he, Mr Khrushchev and their party of about 40 will be whisked off quickly in bullet-proof cars to their train.—Reuter.

The picture below shows the Soviet cruiser, Sovordoy which is the same class as Ordzhonikidze.

THE LATEST WEDDING NEWS

'HOLD-UP KING' IN MONACO

From JOAN HARRISON

Paris, Apr. 17.
France's one-time Public Enemy No. 2, Rene Girier, nicknamed "Rene with the swaggar cane," jewel thief, bank robber and hold-up king, is in Monaco tonight as a member of the personal domestic suite of Princess Charlotte, Prince Rainier's mother.

Princess Charlotte, who lives in the Chateau de Marchais near Rheims, has for many years been a prison social worker and visitor. In the grounds of the chateau there is a special modern villa called La Serene—The Serene—where she lodges prisoners on parole to whom she gives work on the estate.

Last February, Rene Girier, at the special request of Princess Charlotte, was released after having served only three years of a long prison term on "cautious parole."

The gangster, apparently a model prisoner, was released into her care and came to live with his 15-year-old daughter at La Serene.

Wires Hummed

Several days ago Princess Charlotte informed the local gendarmes she intended to take with her son's wedding two of her paroled servants, Girier and another man, Marcel Buch, who was condemned several years to 10 years' hard labour.

The Surete in Paris was alerted and the wires started humming between Paris, Nice and Monaco.

For Monte Carlo police have had two big jewel robberies on their hands in the last four days. Yesterday one of Grace's bridal attendants was robbed of £4,000 worth of jewels from her hotel bedroom. The day before another guest had £17,000 worth of jewels stolen.—London Express Service.

NOW IT'S OUT!

Studio Tells Secrets Of Grace's Gown

Hollywood, Apr. 17.
Grace Kelly will walk down the aisle on Thursday in a Renaissance-style, ivory-coloured wedding gown featuring five skirts and two tiny lace top-birds embroidered on the veil.

M-G-M revealed today its top secret of the century—the plans for the gown, designed by Helen Rose.

The studio's press announcement said 35 people spent six weeks making the gown, "the cost of which would be prohibitive if made by private couturier."

The bodice of the gown is made of two pieces of rare rosepoint lace, embroidered together so that there are no distinct seams. It has a high neckline and long sleeves.

PEARL LEAVES

The voluminous petticoats include a silk crepe de chine, embroidered with 12 inches of lace, a hooped petticoat of tiny organdy and lace ruffles, another petticoat of silk taffeta covered with ruffles of nylon tulle, and another petticoat of taffeta and net which forms the 3½-yard train.

The overskirt of the gown, made of heavy taffeta, is bell-shaped and fastens in the back with three bows. The bride's circular veil of silk net has been embroidered with rosepoint lace, thousands of tiny pearls and two love-birds.

New Savings Plan May Be Opposed On Moral Grounds

London, Apr. 18.
Britain almost forgot the Monte Carlo wedding today to applaud, argue over or condemn the "Monte Carlo Budget."

This is the tag applied to the proposal of Mr Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to introduce a "lucky dip" with rich prizes for holders of Government bonds.

Mr Macmillan's sensational proposal, marked the British Government's first departure from orthodox finance since the State lotteries in the 18th century.

His move, aimed at encouraging savings among one of the world's leading gambling nations, has made the Budget "post mortems" concentrate on moral rather than on the traditional political issues.

There are members of Parliament in both the Conservative and Opposition Labour parties who intend to oppose the scheme as being morally wrong.—China Mail Special.

Taipei In 'UN' 'Embarrassing'

Ottawa, Apr. 17.
The external affairs minister, Mr Lester Pearson, said today Canadian representatives "made a reference" at the White Sulphur Springs American "summit" conference to the "growing embarrassment and difficulties" of many countries, which recognize Communist China.

Mr Pearson replied that Canada did not recognise the Peking Government.

He also said that at the White Sulphur Springs meeting last month there was no dispute or anything approaching ill feeling on the subject of recognition of Communist China.—Reuter.

Assassination 'Bid'

Santiago, Apr. 17.
Senora Maria de la Cruz, former dictator Juan Peral's greatest ally in Chile, escaped assassination today, when a bomb exploded less than 10 feet from the door of her home just as she was entering it.—United Press.

Peter Reunited With His Father

Vienna, Apr. 17.
A 12-year-old Hungarian boy came through the Iron Curtain today to rejoin his parents after an eight-year separation.

Peter, do Marffy-Mantuano was driven from Budapest to Vienna today to catch the plane for London, where his parents have been living since they fled Communist Hungary in 1948.

When his parents fled in 1948, they left him with his grandparents, who died shortly afterwards.

The boy then lived with the family's old cook and it was impossible to get an exit visa for him.

It was only last week that his mother—the former Countess Margit Teleki and now Mrs Thomas de Marffy-Mantuano—cabled in the Soviet Communist Party chief, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, at the Kremlin pleading with him to use his influence to let the boy leave.

A few days later, the British Embassy in Budapest wrote to Peral's parents, saying the boy had been given a passport by the Hungarian Government.—United Press.

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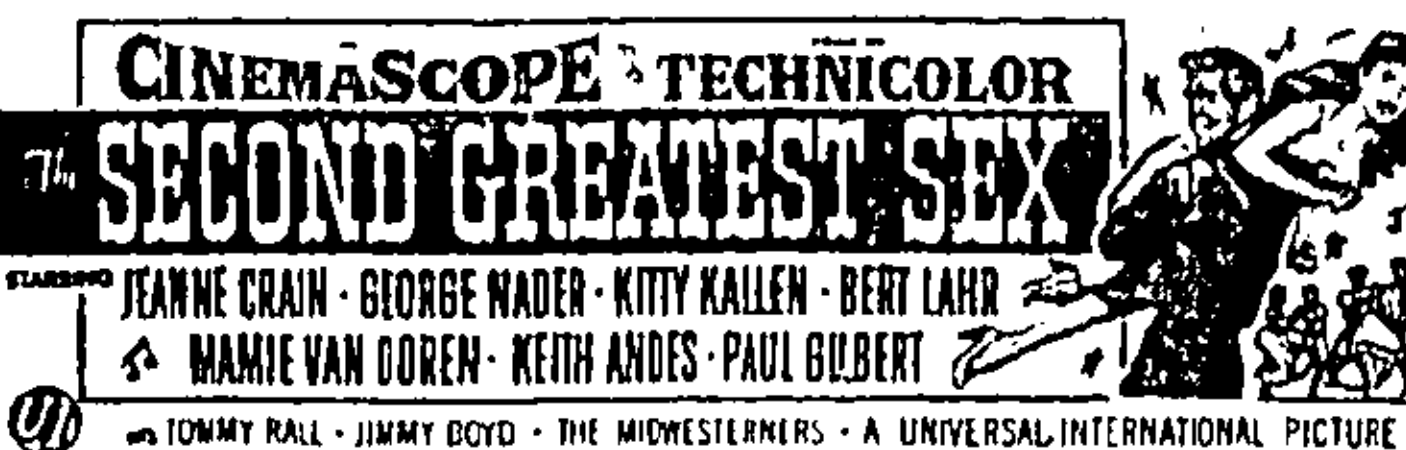
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US ALLIES HARBOUR DOUBTS

Firm Resolve Has Been Replaced Says Radford

Washington, Apr. 17.
Adm. Arthur W. Radford said today that "doubt and confusion" have replaced firm resolve among some US allies.

ARMS PROTEST

Cairo, Apr. 17.
Egypt formally protested to France today about the supply of French arms to Israel, official sources said today.
Deputy Foreign Minister Khayrat said summoned French Ambassador Count Armand Duchayla to his office this afternoon to deliver the protest note.
Egypt's protest came after a delivery of 12 French Mystere jet fighters to Israel.—United Press.

10,000 YOUTHS CONVICTED EACH YEAR

Tokyo, Apr. 17.
More than 10,000 European youths were convicted in South African courts every year, of whom about 2,000 were found guilty of serious offences and an average of 600 gaoled, Dr Graham C. B. Bain, of Cape-town, an expert on the problem of juvenile delinquency, told a conference here.

In 1945, the number of European male juveniles under the age of 20 years who were convicted of offences was 4,989, said Dr Bain. The figure had increased every year. In 1953, the total was 9,679, an increase of about 60 per cent.

In the 17-20 age group the rate had increased from 45.0 per cent of the age group in 1945 to 86.6 per cent in 1953—an increase of about 90 per cent.
Dr Bain said that the increase in serious offences had been most significant in the 14-17 year age group. This had increased by 44 per cent, against an increase of 12 per cent for the 17-20 age group.—China Mail Special.

Strain Of Job Wins Compensation

Sydney, Apr. 17.
Employees with high blood pressure can obtain workers' compensation if the strain of their employment worsens their condition and renders them incapable of working.
This decision was handed down in Workers' Compensation Court here recently when a retired woman public servant claimed that her work had caused nervous tension, emotional strain, stress and worry.
Judge Wall awarded the claimant £A8 10s a week from November 1953 until her incapacitation ended.
Her employer—the Workers' Compensation Commission.—China Mail Special.

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The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said this results from success of the Communists' new olive branch tactics and a "less dynamic approach" by this country in its foreign aid programme.

Serious Problems

Adm. Radford in a prepared statement for a closed session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged approval of President Eisenhower's \$4.0 billion aid request as "our best instrument" for sustaining collective strength of the free world.

"As you may know I have recently made a trip around the world," Adm. Radford said, "I found a number of serious problems. In the year that has passed since I was last in those countries there has been in some of them a subtle but perceptible change in atmosphere."

Dynamic Approach

"In some cases doubt and confusion have replaced a firm resolve. I attribute this situation to a two-fold influence; first the success of the latest Communist tactics, and second, a less dynamic approach by the United States in the same areas."

Adm. Radford did not detail the failings referred to on the part of this country. However, he said the President's proposed changes in the foreign aid law would give "greater flexibility" and allow a "more dynamic approach."—United Press.

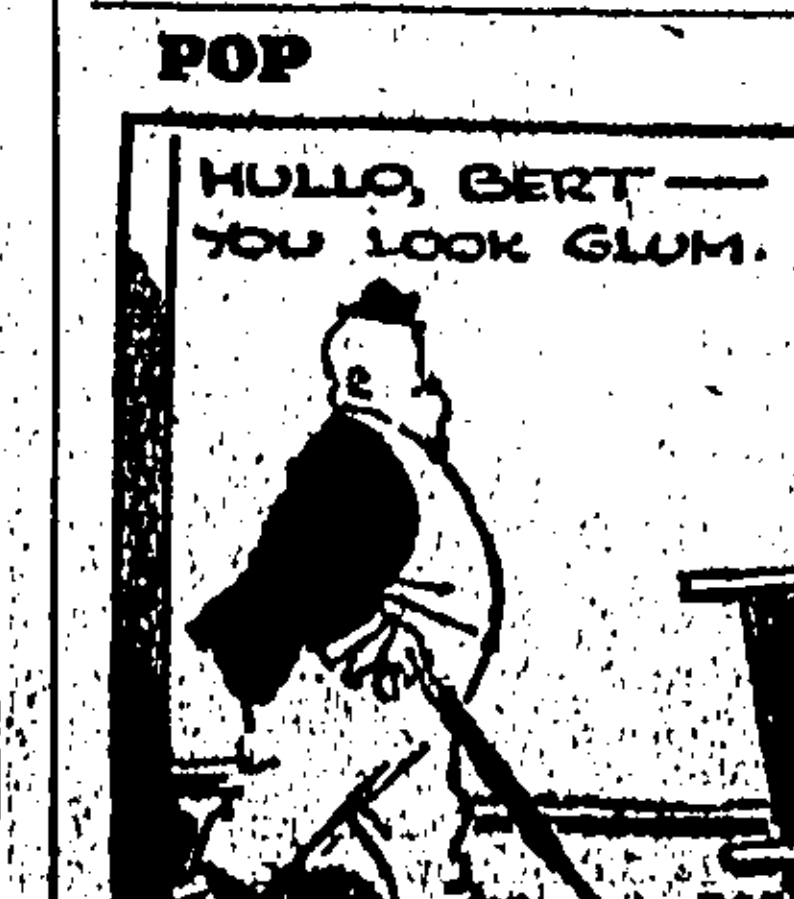
Danish 'Speakeasies' Flourish

Copenhagen, Apr. 17.
Danish restaurateurs are complaining that the high taxation levied on all forms of alcohol consumed in public is causing the development of Danish "speakeasies."

Mr Julius Jensen, writing in the trade publication Restauratøren, said: "People will not pay the prices and so go to illicit drinkshops or they hire places where they can consume spirits without paying the extra tax."
The high rate of the consumption tax brings the price of a bottle of beer up to three to four times the cost in an off licence. It is blamed for financial difficulties felt by many restaurants here.—China Mail Special.

Russo-Egyptian Agreement

Cairo, Apr. 17.
Russia and Egypt today signed a one million pound (about £1,000,000 sterling) barter-trade agreement, it was announced here.
Russia will supply Egypt with 100,000 tons of kerosene against Egyptian products under the agreement.
It was signed by the Soviet Commercial Counsellor, Mr Serge Nikitin, and the Egyptian Commerce Minister, Mr Abu Nosser.
This follows an announcement here yesterday that Egypt and China had agreed to consolidate and expand their trade with each other.—Reuter.



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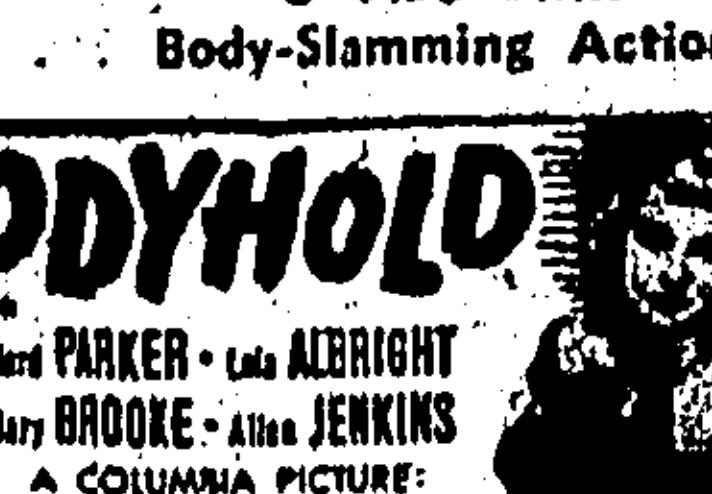
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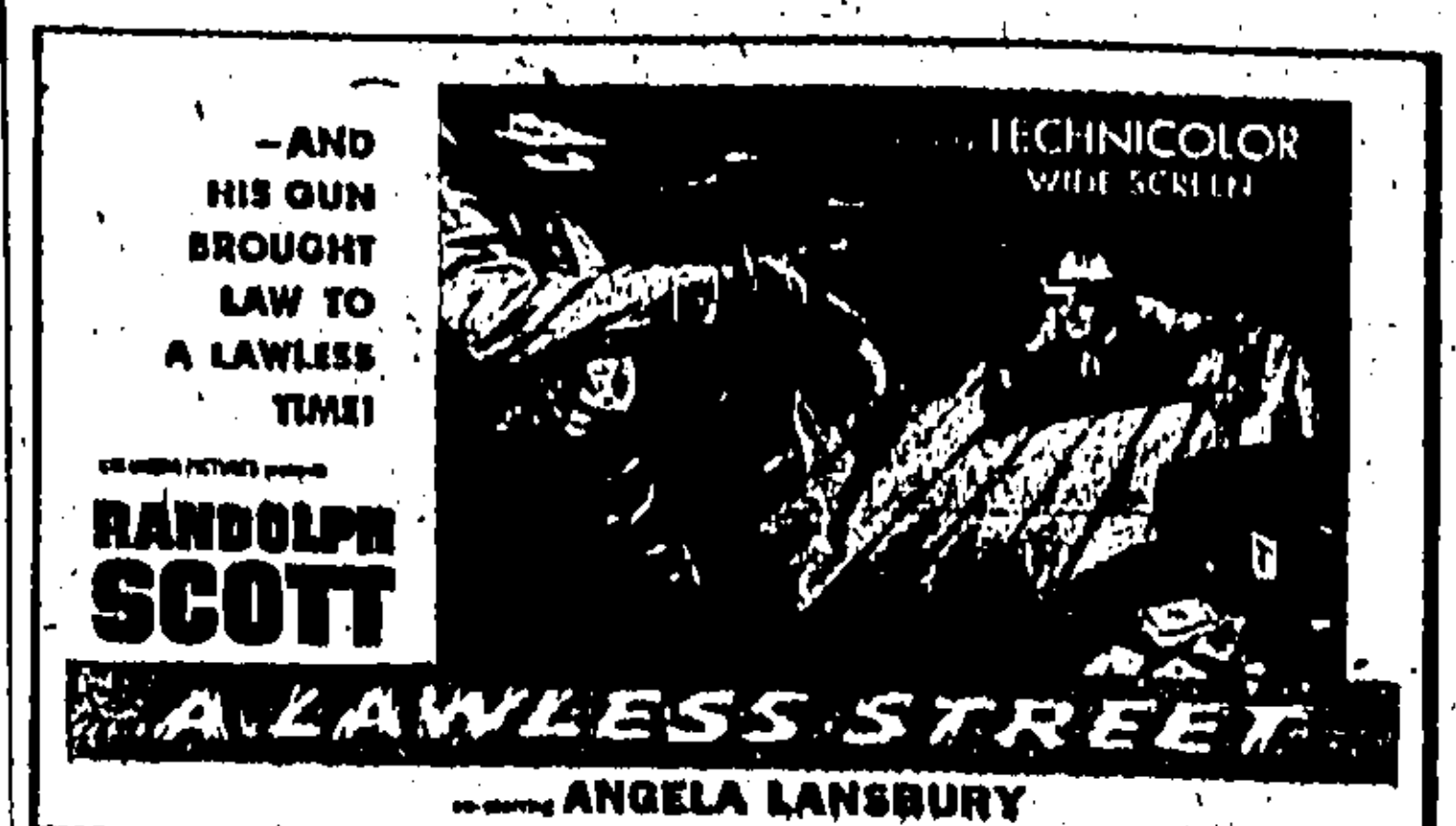
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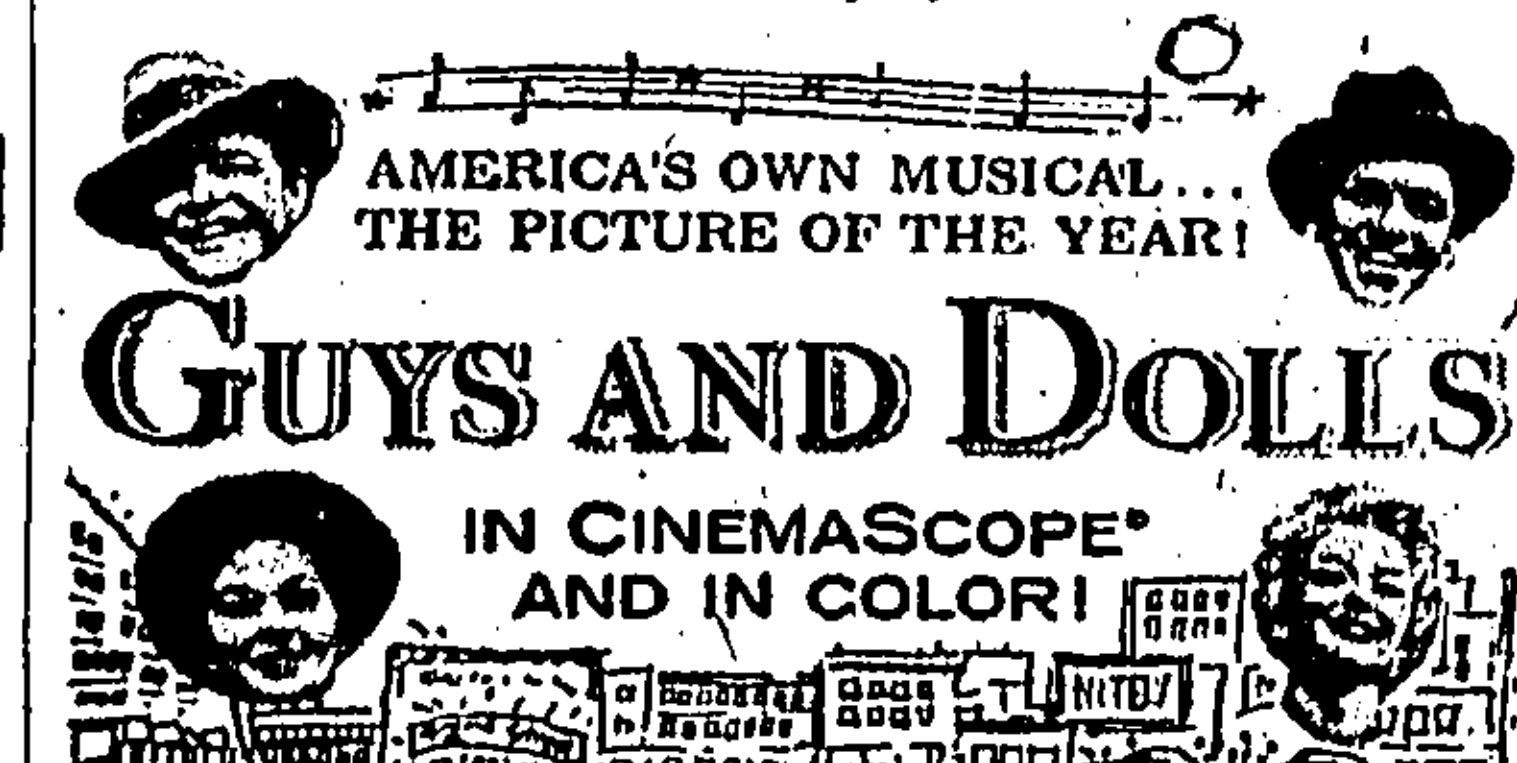


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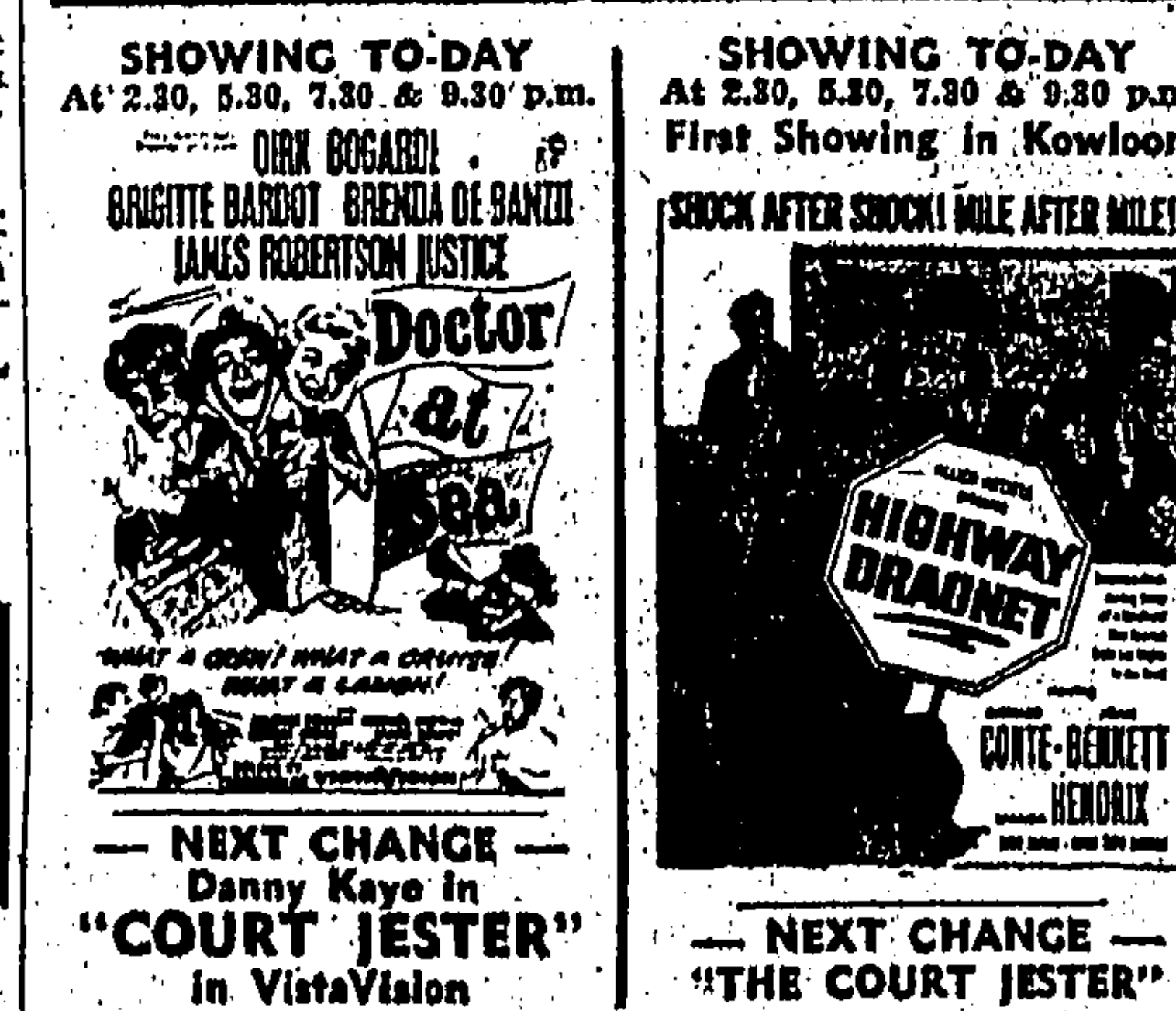
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CAPITOL RITZ



CYPRUS NOT FOR UN

Washington, Apr. 17. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, at his Press conference today rejected suggestions that Cyprus should be placed under the jurisdiction of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr. Dulles said that NATO had no legal title to assume the control of any territory.

The Secretary of State recalled that the United Nations itself could not directly exercise its trusteeship over the territories since it was not a supra-governmental organization.

The trusteeships were entrusted by the United Nations to certain countries.

In any case, Mr. Dulles said, it would not be practical to entrust the administration of Cyprus to a Council of 15 nations which could only act by unanimous decisions. — France-Press.

IMPARTIAL MEDICAL TESTIMONY

London, Apr. 17. The Lancet, a leading British medical journal, praised the new system of impartial medical testimony practised by the Supreme Court of New York State.

Discussing whether the system could be introduced in Britain, the Lancet said: "There can be little doubt that it would be of great value in the pre-trial stages."

"Although many actions arising out of physical injury are already settled before trial, the use of independent medical reports would provide a more satisfactory basis for settlement."

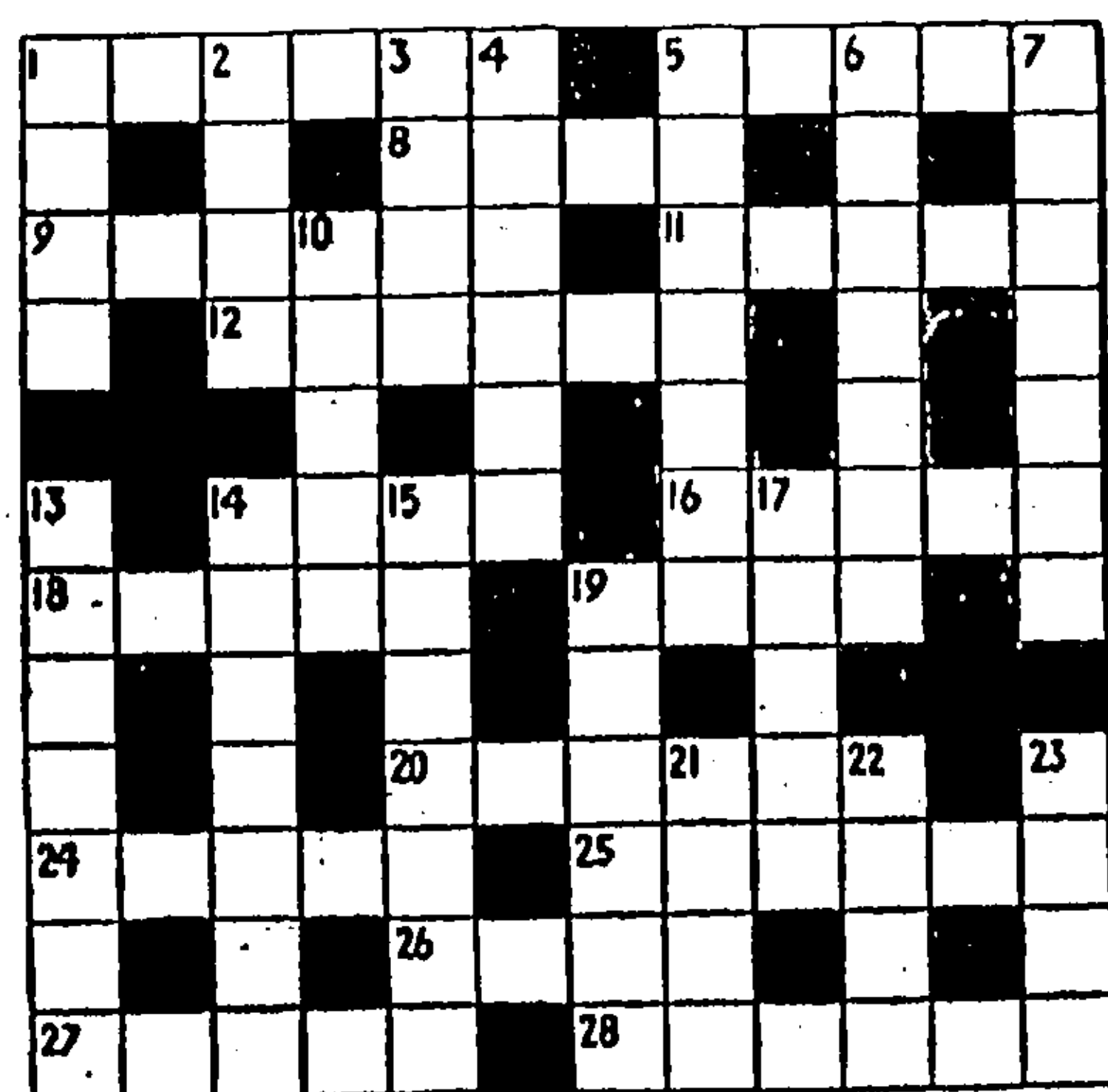
NORMAL METHOD

The Lancet was commenting on a report on the New York system by a committee of the New York Bar Association.

The journal explained that the normal method in both Britain and the United States, with a few exceptions, is for the opposing parties in a dispute to call their own medical witnesses. If they disagree, it is for the judge or jury to decide what evidence to accept.

Under the New York system, the judge may before a trial order the examination of an injured person by an impartial medical expert. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Kind of cement (6).
 - Marine mammal (5).
 - Curry (4).
 - Method (6).
 - Equipped (5).
 - Drink (6).
 - Strikes (4).
 - Endure (5).
 - Couple (5).
 - Reading places (4).
 - Dangers (5).
 - Impel (5).
 - Wait upon (6).
 - Building-land (4).
 - Numerical (5).
 - Come out (6).
- DOWN**
- Volume (4).
 - Grain (4).
 - Encourage (4).
 - Negligent (6).
 - Argue (7).
 - Without object (7).
 - Everlasting (7).
 - Subject (5).
 - Cut short (7).
 - Dividing into two (7).
 - Storm (7).
 - Grown-up (5).
 - Bold (6).
 - Detail (4).
 - Prophet (4).
 - Border (4).

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Bold Russian Political Moves

TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH B AND K VISIT TO BRITAIN

By Stanley Priddle

London, Apr. 18.

Soviet Russia has made two bold political moves which are bound to have their impact on top level talks with Britain which begin this week.

By dissolving the international Communist agency, the Cominform, Russia has faced Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, with what appears to be a concession to the non-Communist world.

By restoring her claim to play a role in maintaining peace in the Middle East, she has struck another blow at the 1950 declaration under which Britain, France and the United States assumed for themselves the right to halt aggression in that area.

Official Talks

Both developments came in the Soviet Premier Ordzhonikidze's approach to British shores with Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, respectively Soviet Premier and Communist Party Secretary.

They will disembark at Portsmouth today at about 11.40 GMT and proceed to London where they will make their central visit, then a 10-day visit. At the insistence of Sir Anthony Eden, much of this time will be devoted to official talks.

The disbandment of the Cominform, originally a powerful association of all the European Communist states, was seen here as little more than a gesture. It has had little effect on the Russian line, which is to be based on peace, up to the quarter with Yugoslavia.

But the Middle East declaration, calling for the maintenance of peace by the United Nations, without outside interference, clearly set the line that the Russians will take in their talks with Sir Anthony Eden.

Arms Shipments

The Prime Minister refused to anticipate the talks in the House of Commons yesterday, or even to say what subjects will be discussed. It is no secret, though, that the Middle East will be the key topic.

Sir Anthony has stated publicly that tension between Arab and Jew has been heightened by the shipment of Communist arms to Egypt. Authoritative sources say that in his blunt talk with the Russians he will attribute recent outbreaks of fighting to the same cause.

The Soviet leaders have shown less eagerness to talk than the British have. They have even complained that the official programme is too official, and prevents their meeting ordinary people.

World Problems

But they have given clear hints that having agreed to six long periods of talks, including 24 hours at the Prime Minister's country residence they will themselves have something to say on the table. They have emphasised their desire to develop trade and to ease up the problem of world disarmament, now virtually bogged down in a United Nations sub-committee.

They may have some surprise, like a big trade offer. If it were turned down because it involved strategic goods, the Government here would be bound to face some criticism from the public and manifestly anxious for new markets.

The political talks will range over all world problems though the emphasis will be on Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

From the moment they step off the Ordzhonikidze the strict security that anyone can recall in Britain will surround the Soviet leaders.

Anti-Communists

Precautions have been introduced since an attempt was made to set fire to the London office of the Soviet news agency, and a monument to Karl Marx was destroyed with petrol.

The incidents, while minor, underlined the fact that some anti-Communists are ready to express themselves in action. — Reuter.

Bulgarian Government Reshuffle

Sofia, Apr. 17.

VULKO Chervenkov, replaced as Bulgarian Premier today by Anton Yugov, was nominated a Vice-Premier in a government reshuffle approved by the Bulgarian National Assembly.

In the reshuffle, Georgi Chankov and Georgi Trankov were promoted from simple Vice-Premiers to First Vice-Premiers.

Other changes in the reshuffle approved by the Bulgarian Assembly in Sofia today were: Vice-Premier Rado Daminov to combine his post with the chairmanship of the State Committee for construction and architecture.

Karlo Lukanov, a former Vice-Premier, who has currently been ambassador to Moscow, is to resign his rank of Vice-Premier and will be Chairman of the State Committee for Labour and Salaries.

AMOUNT OF HARM

In his letter of resignation from the Premiership, accepted by the Assembly, Mr. Chervenkov said he had "permitted erroneous working methods, which had done a certain amount of harm to the functioning of the state."

The new Premier, Mr. Yugov, told the Assembly today that the achievements reached by the regime in Bulgaria would have been greater if the cult towards the personality of Chervenkov and faulty working methods had not found their way into Bulgarian political life during the past few years.

He said the Government's first task was to repair the damage done by these errors.

Premier Yugov said Bulgaria's foreign policy will remain one of peace and friendship with all countries far and near, based on alliance with the Socialist bloc and on Lenin's principles of co-existence. — France-Press.

Princess Launches New Liner



The new 25,000-ton Swedish liner Gripsholm was launched at Genoa recently by Princess Margaretha of Sweden. Picture left shows the Princess during the launching ceremony. Picture right is a general view of the new vessel sliding into the water. — Express Photo.

ANGLO-JAP STERLING PAYMENTS

London, Apr. 17.

Mr. Takie Oda, Minister at the Japanese Embassy here told reporters tonight that negotiations for the next Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement would be held in London towards the end of August.

He said that hitherto British and Japanese officials had been meeting regularly since early 1953 to discuss the terms of a new agreement to replace the current one, which expired in 1954. He said the talks had been going well and that a new agreement would be reached by the end of the year.

Mr. Oda said that at the outset of the talks here both sides had suggested changes to the current sterling payments pact but later in the discussions had decided that it would be more appropriate to consider these when the new agreement is being negotiated.

OIL IMPORTS

Britain, for example, he added, had originally asked that Japan should increase its oil imports.

The minister said that he expected negotiations between the two countries for a trade and navigation treaty to begin in May but could not say whether these would be held here or in Tokyo as final arrangements were yet to be made. — Reuter.

Indonesia To Raise W. New Guinea Question

Djakarta, Apr. 17.

Premier Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo announced today that Indonesia intends to raise the issue of West New Guinea before the United Nations General Assembly for the third time.

He did not say, however, when the next move would be made, but indicated that it might be this year.

In an earlier statement in Parliament the Premier said that the struggle to include West New Guinea in the Republic would be continued.

Dr. Sastroamidjojo said that attention should be paid to the border between West New Guinea and Indonesia so that "the people of West New Guinea who still live under colonial domination can see the atmosphere of freedom in the Indonesian fatherland."

Indonesia has twice disputed the Netherlands claim to the area before the United Nations. — United Press.

AMERICAN PLAY OF THE YEAR

New York, Apr. 17.

The New York Drama Critics Circle voted tonight as the best American play of the 1955-56 season "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. The runner-up was "Inherit the Wind."

The best foreign play was "Tiger at the Gates" with 14 votes. It is an adaptation by Christopher Fry of a French play by Giroudoux. — United Press.

Why Morocco Gained Her Independence

United Nations, Apr. 17.

Spanish Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo told a news conference today why Spain granted independence to Spanish Morocco.

Asked about Spanish policy in Morocco the Foreign Minister said that his Government had granted independence to that country because "the moment had occurred when the protectorate of Morocco had to end."

Been Guided

He referred to "past French errors in Morocco starting in 1953 when they expelled the Sultan of Morocco... and which the French Government had since had to rectify."

Explaining Spain's position he said "we have been guided in helping to establish the independence of Morocco by the principle of friendship with the Moroccan people and all the Arab people."

He said Spain also acted with a view to the security of that region which he called "a strategic region."

One reporter referred the Minister to a certain document concerning economic aid to the various Arab countries and also to "Jerusalem" and asked if it indicated that Spain accepts Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Not Familiar

Senior Artajo said that he was unfamiliar with any such document and then added: "The State of Israel has not had diplomatic relations with Spain since its inception because the representatives of Israel have shown an attitude of hostility towards us."

He said that this was true despite "the aid and help which Spain has given to Israel" at various times.

The Minister declined comment on both the Algerian and Goan questions on the grounds that it would not be correct for him to do so since Spain had no direct concern with either problem.

Spain Prepared

Asked about the possible re-establishment of a monarchy in Spain, the Minister said: "Spain is one of the few countries prepared for monarchy... I am a monarchist with France to re-establish the monarchy in such a way as France may desire." — United Press.

India Denies Border Troop Movements

Karachi, Apr. 17.

A Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman said today that India had denied concentrating troops on the West Pakistan border but had admitted "some movement of troops for sending supplies to pikeets."

He said this was the Indian Government's reply to a recent Pakistan protest against a movement of Indian troops outside pikeet stations on the border.

Asked if Pakistan was satisfied the spokesman stated, "we decided to leave it at that." — Reuter.

Carmen Jones In England



The exciting American star of "Carmen Jones" arrived at London Airport last week. She is Dorothy Dandridge, who will be appearing in a season of cabaret at London's Savoy Hotel. — Central Press Photo.

UNESCO Officers Elected

New York, Apr. 17.

Mr. Hans Engen, Norway's permanent representative to the United Nations, was today elected by acclamation as new president of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNESCO) to succeed Sir Douglas Copland, of Australia.

The Council also elected Mr. Jose Vicente Trujillo, of Ecuador, and Mr. Said Hassan, of Pakistan, as vice-presidents. — Reuter.

\$1 MILLION COULDN'T COAX NAT COLE TO ATLANTA

The negro singer, Nat King Cole, has called off a performance here tonight, saying he would not come to Atlanta "for a million dollars", a local promoter reported today.

The promoter, B. B. Beamon, quoted Cole as saying he was "afraid to come to Atlanta" because of its nearness to the scene of an assault on him by segregationists in Birmingham, Alabama.

Too Close

Cole was attacked on the stage of the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium during his performance before an all-white audience of 3,500 a week ago.

Beamon said he had relayed to Cole the assurance of the Atlanta police chief, Herbert Jenkins, that "Jenkins would provide adequate protection during the performance and during Cole's entire visit."

Soviet Middle East Support Welcome With Reservation

Washington, Apr. 17.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, said today the United States would welcome the Soviet offer to support the United Nations in the Middle Eastern crisis if this offer turned out to be a response to President Eisenhower's appeal to all members of the UN.

Mr. Dulles, speaking at a Press conference, said he felt that the chances were not there would be no war in the Middle East. But he added that it would be rash to say that there was no risk of hostilities in the area.

Great Importance

He said it was important to read with the greatest attention the entire text of the Soviet declaration, dispatches reporting which had reached him only 15 minutes before the Press conference.

Mr. Dulles said the US attached great importance to the action of the United Nations in the Middle East. However, they did not lessen the importance of the three power declaration of May, 1950, on the Palestine question.

He said that in this declaration, the United States, France and Britain emphasized that they were acting in conformity with the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Dulles said it was still too early to envisage practical application of the American plan for solving the Arab-Israeli problem.

Practically Inactive

This plan, put forward by Mr. Dulles in a speech last August 26, called for a solution of the problem of Arab refugees from Palestine, and a guarantee of Israel's frontiers.

He suggested that it might be possible to reactivate a conciliation committee created in 1948, consisting of Turkey, France and the United States.

This committee had remained practically inactive, Mr. Dulles said. — France-Press.

New Evening Paper For Paris

Paris, Apr. 17.

A new table-style evening newspaper Le Temps de Paris, made its first appearance here today.

Its front page carried a large photograph of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier, five headlines and no news. The news stories following the headlines all appeared on inside pages.

The newspaper announced in its editorial that its task was to "inform and to inform quickly." It would reopen the "debate on ideas" on every subject, a traditional feature of French newspapers.

It published today a character analysis of Grace Kelly's handwriting.

Le Temps de Paris is the 15th Paris evening newspaper. It is expected to take a moderate centre-right position on political issues. — Reuter.

Ceasefire Talks Continue

Jerusalem, Apr. 17.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, conferred with the Israeli Premier, Mr. David ben Gurion, for the second consecutive day today.

Mr. Hammarskjöld asked Maj-General Moshe Dyan, the Israeli Army Chief of Staff, to join the talks.

An official Israeli spokesman said the three talked on "problems regarding full implementation of the armistice agreement" between Israel and the Arab powers.

The meeting, lasting three hours, followed a morning session at which Mr. Hammarskjöld and Mr. ben Gurion reviewed the general background of the Secretary-General's mission, the official spokesman said.

The spokesman said the talks were conducted "in a satisfactory and cordial atmosphere". Mr. Hammarskjöld will meet Mr. ben Gurion again tomorrow and is expected to stay in Israel for another three or four days. — United Press.

BASIS FOR TALKS

Moscow, Apr. 17.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, said today Russia's new statement on the Middle East could serve as a basis for talks between the Soviet leaders and Sir Anthony Eden.

Mr. Molotov was answering correspondents' questions at an independence day reception at the Syrian Embassy in Moscow, which he attended with Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, a Soviet Deputy Premier.

Mr. Molotov described the statement on the Middle East as "one more step in the direction of establishing peace in the Middle East."

Asked if there should be co-operation between Governments to settle the Middle East problem within the United Nations or outside the organisation, the Soviet Foreign Minister replied: "It makes no difference where the settlement is reached."

ARMS EMBARGO

Both Mr. Molotov and Mr. Mikoyan brushed aside questions by correspondents who asked whether arms shipments to the two sides in the Middle East should be stopped or rigidly controlled in view of the suggestion in the Soviet statement that no steps should be taken to aggravate the situation.

The Soviet leaders laughingly declined to discuss this question.

A London report quoting Cairo Radio said Russian arms were on show for the first time in Syria today during a military parade in Damascus marking Syria's national day. — Reuter.

China's Envoy To India

New Delhi, Apr. 17.

Mr. Fan Zai-li, China's new Ambassador to India, today presented his credentials to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India.

He told the President that the growing friendship between India and China had "promoted the noble cause of world peace in Asia and the world."

Mr. Fan said he had just returned from a visit to Cole at

TODAY'S FORECAST: RAINIER FOR GRACE

AND A COLD WIND BLOWS

From SAM WHITE

ALL is not well in Monte Carlo on the eve of Prince Rainier's wedding to film star Grace Kelly. This is a pity: it would be pleasant to report the occasion in a more appropriate manner, yet the fact remains that the atmosphere here among palace officials is as chilly as the weather.

The chill set in with Prince Rainier's return from America. Almost immediately he reverted, from the smiling, approachable young Prince of his American tour, to the unapproachable, unpredictable autocrat his ministers and advisers know so well.

He had scarcely stepped when he quivered with his only really close adviser, his American chaplain, Father Tucker, who has figured so prominently in his romance with Miss Kelly.

UNREAD?

The quiver has not held, and Father Tucker has not seen the Prince since their return to the principality.

This blow has shattered the normally jovial chaplain greatly. He has been the only person in the Prince's entourage who has never quarrelled with his master, who saw him daily, and whose influence has been considerable. Now that he is reduced to the intermediary between the Prince and his officials has been removed.

Ministers who hitherto sought to influence the Prince by having a word with Father Tucker are now reduced to writing, enormously fulsome highly stylized petitions which go unanswered and are probably unread.

Meanwhile Rainier remains shut up in his palace, leaving it only on very rare occasions. It is not fully realised abroad to what extent Rainier is a complete autocrat: he can run a man's career in Monaco and even revoke his Monegasque citizenship by a stroke of the pen. This power, which inspires considerable fear among his officials, is combined with an extremely suspicious and sly nature.

Has Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer carved out something of a new empire for itself with Miss Kelly's marriage to Rainier? It is an intriguing question. While Rainier was in America some of his Ministers opened negotiations with a Paris bank to finance a colour film of the marriage.

REASON

When the prince returned he killed this deal. The reason Rainier gave was "his."

While in the United States he said he had been approached by MGM officials, who had pointed out to him that Miss Kelly's contract still had four years to run. While not wishing to be "rough about this," they pointed out that it was a way in which Miss Kelly's obligations to the company could be squared with her proposed early retirement from the screen.

MGM proposed therefore that they should be given the exclusive rights to make the 30-minute colour film of the wedding. They also pointed out that he would be completing a full version of the life of Miss Kelly, and all they needed for a final happy fade out were some shots of the wedding.

It is this which is behind the terrible row which has broken out between the U.S. television companies and the palace.

U.S. television cameras will not be allowed to photograph either the religious or civil ceremony. With the facilities so allocated them, they will be able to make films of only two of the ceremony's duration.

Well, we're just about all set to go by Giles



"Grace Kelly's got one thing at her wedding I'm glad I didn't have at mine - you in a top-hat."

London Express Service

THESE TEDDY BOYS NEED OPERATION RESCUE

... and the task is one for their parents



He made the mistake of fighting with his fists

LEYTONSTONE HIGH ROAD is one of the longest streets in London. It winds northwards from Stratford, East, for nearly four miles, passing innumerable small shops and cafes—and occasionally a dazzlingly-lit furniture store on its rather dispirited way.

It occurred to me that I was going to have some difficulty discovering which of the shops it was that sold razor-sharp daggers to Teddy Boys.

One of these daggers, bought in Leytonstone High Road, had killed a man. It had been plunged into him in the East End, and the police found him, dying, huddled against a wall, where his Teddy Boy assailant had dragged him.

He had made the mistake of fighting with his fists. The Judge, Mr Justice Barry, read a note from the jury as he gauged the youthful killers for manslaughter: "We find knives such as that used in this killing serve no useful purpose and ought not to be sold to the general public."

I wanted to discuss with the gentleman who had sold the knife what he thought of this proposition.

An elderly man walked by. "Excuse me," I said, "do you happen to know the shop that sells daggers?"

A dagger

He gave me detailed directions. In five minutes I was inside the rather decrepit establishment that had supplied many teenagers with their lethal equipment.

"Do you sell knives?" I asked the proprietor.

"Penknives?" he asked, and pointed to an array of them on the counter.

"No," I said, with an encouraging smile, "the sort you kill people with."

"Daggers? We have plenty of them in the window,"

"No," I said, "Not that kind. Flick knives, the press-button type that flash open."

"Ah, yes," said the proprietor. "We used to do a great trade in those at 21s. 6d. a time. To Teddy Boys, mostly."

"Come from Italy, the knives. Very strong, until the springs went. Lots of Teddy Boys came back and asked me to get them repaired, but I couldn't help."

The talkative proprietor got to the point, "I don't sell them any more. The police came to see me after someone had been killed with one of them."

"It wasn't bought in my shop of course, but when the policeman said, 'I wouldn't sell those if I were you,' I decided to give up that particular line."

I looked disappointed. "I wanted it for my son," I said. "How much are the daggers in the window?"

"They're not so good as the Italian knives. Too brittle. I tell you what—we were obviously on good terms already—"I'll just have a look in case I have a flick knife left in stock."

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Concluding the inquiry into LONDON'S TEDDY BOYS by ROBERT J. EDWARDS

will again. For, while an evil-minded Teddy Boy can always insert a razor in a potato, or sharpen the edge of a bicycle chain and slip that into his pocket, the open sale of murderous instruments is an obvious temptation to less obvious, but equally exhibitionist, Edwardians.

One of the two Teddy Boys gauged for manslaughter issued an appeal from prison based on his own—and his victim's—experience. "Don't carry daggers," he advised his friends in the outside world.

The law should insist, don't sell them either.

But no law will destroy the roots of Teddy Boy hooliganism. These lie, I am convinced, in the home. The fact is that much

more often than not, the parents are to blame.

"Lack of parents' influence." That, above all, is what breeds Teddy Boys, said nearly every teacher, club leader, parson and magistrate I met.

Lack of parents, they might have said. It is quite common for schoolchildren, when their parents both work, to wear the keys to their front door on a string around their necks.

Then they can let themselves in when they come home from school—and let themselves in late at night after their parents have gone to bed.

Life-line

Said Mr Harry Moore, superintendent of a South London youth club, "The club closes at 10 o'clock. Yet girls of school age are still hanging around outside at 11.20 p.m., surely the parents should tell them it's not right for them to be outside at that time of night?"

It is argued that the parents are simply victims of their environment. But that lets them off too lightly. Mr Moore is a product of the same environment. So are many fine people whose children are properly cared for.

What the neglected children and Teddy Boy teenagers need is an Operation Rescue from their parents.

The first life-line that should be thrown is a better education. I imagine that the London County Councils are not satisfied with the secondary—as distinct from grammar and technical—education they provide at many of their schools. If they are, they should be sacked.

Second, more Londoners should concern themselves with providing first-class clubs for teenagers. "They roam the streets because they have nowhere else to go," How after I heard that!

Somehow, too, more playing fields must be found. The Rev. Ronald Marshall, warden of the splendid Bermondsey Settlement, bought football boots and equipped an entire team of Teddy Boys—he did this, incidentally, after some other Teddy Boys had actually drawn knives on him at the settlement.

Now he has the greatest difficulty finding a pitch (the school age are still hanging around outside at 11.20 p.m., surely the parents should tell them it's not right for them to be outside at that time of night?)

Of course, Teddy Boy clothes will die out. Already in salin-fon, which leads the fashion in these things, Edwardian wear is giving way to booties and blue or grey duffle coats; and a serious fracas has occurred because one boy charged another with being "a Teddy."

But the underlying problem will remain until fathers and mothers can be taught to do their job. That is the lesson of the Teddy Boy. And the challenge.

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

Rainier is the Queen's 15th Cousin

by PATRICK MONTAGUE-SMITH
Assistant Editor of "Debrett"

THE Queen and Prince Rainier of Monaco are related. Fifteenth cousins to be precise.

To see exactly how—study the table below. See how it traces Rainier's descent from Henry VII, first King of the House of Tudor.

Since Henry VIII's line finished with his daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, succession to the throne passed through his eldest sister, Margaret, Queen of Scotland, ancestress of the Queen.

His younger sister Mary, Queen of France, made a second love match with Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, and by him became Rainier's ancestress.

All rulers of European States can trace their descent back to Henry VII. Consequently, Rainier is also a distant relative of the kings of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, and Greece, the Queen of the Netherlands, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, and the reigning Prince of Liechtenstein.

The sovereign House of Monaco descends from Obert Grimaldi, Prince of Monaco, in 1197, who was sent on a mission by the Emperor Frederick to induce Richard I of England to join in the Third Crusade.

Margaret, Queen of Scotland.	Mary, Queen of France (by her second husband, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk).
James V, King of Scotland.	Lady Eleanor Brandon, m. 2nd Earl of Cumberland, d. 1547.
Mary, Queen of Scots.	Lady Margaret Clifford, m. 4th Earl of Derby.
James I, 1603-1625.	William Stanley, 6th Earl of Derby, d. 1642.
Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia.	James Stanley, 7th Earl of Derby.
Sophia, Electress of Hanover.	Lady Amelia Stanley, m. 1st Marquis of Atholl.
George I, 1714-1727.	Charles Murray, 1st Earl of Dunmore, d. 1710.
George II, 1727-1760.	Lady Anne Murray, m. 6th Earl of Dundonald.
Frederick, Prince of Wales.	Lady Catherine Cochrane, m. 6th Earl of Galloway.
George III, 1760-1820.	Lady Harriet Stewart, m. 9th Duke of Hamilton.
Edward, Duke of Kent.	Alexander Hamilton, 10th Duke of Hamilton.
Queen Victoria, 1837-1901.	William Hamilton, 11th Duke of Hamilton, d. 1803.
Edward VII, 1901-1910.	Lady Mary Victoria Hamilton, m. Albert I, Prince of Monaco.
George V, 1910-1936.	Louis II, Prince of Monaco, d. 1849.
George VI, 1936-1952.	Princess Charlotte, Duchess of Valdeuil, m. Prince Pierre (Count of Polignac).

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Jennifer To Be A Carnival Queen

By 'REORDER'

Jennifer Hart, who will be long remembered in Hongkong as one of the most versatile athletes we have ever seen here, has now another claim to fame.

At Shoreham Town Hall two Saturdays ago she was elected Carnival Queen to reign over Shoreham's Carnival on May 19 to 21. This will involve riding on a float through Shoreham at Whitman.

Writes Jennifer in anticipation: "I am frightened to death!" However, the old Jenniferian pride in achievement is there, as she adds: "The Chief Judge was Capt. Kirby, the Conservative M.P. for Arundel." Nothing like getting the Conservative vote.

One of Jennifer's greatest local achievements was entering every event in the Colony Athletic Championships in 1954 and collecting at least a third place medal in everything. It is not generally remembered that she was also quite a good swimmer with several minor successes in Colony Championships.

Her Colony High Jump record of 4 feet 11½ inches at the age of 14 was an international class performance and was for some time a South-East Asian record. A Filipino girl has since added five inches of an inch to this height to claim a new one.

Jennifer's selection as Carnival Queen is not her first success in the beauty and charm line. She recently also came out with flying colours in a modelling course passing out parade.

Athletics has now taken a back seat with Jennifer. Apparently she is now a lady athlete, controlled by men rather than women and got "fed up" with the Brighton Ladies' Athletic Club.

MATTER OF OPINION

This, of course, is a matter of opinion and it must be said that women have taken a very firm and able hand in athletic affairs through most of the world and even Jennifer's old club, the HKAA, plans to put the administrative side of its feminine affairs into the hands of an all-female committee.

Jennifer's shaping up into a great athlete was no less surprising in its time than any of the young feminine population in this Colony. She didn't mind being beaten and it took her a very long time even to win a third place in an open competition. She fought discouragement and won through.

Her first ever competitive Long Jump was a meagre 12 feet 8 inches and she was as awkward in her movements as any of the novices we saw in action last Sunday at Pokfulam. She hadn't the natural grace of movement to start with of a Deborah Hurlbut or an Elizabeth Hickory.

She had, however, one wonderful quality that, while common to almost all the girl athletes who have done well in Hongkong, seems to be generally lacking among the large majority of the young feminine population in this Colony. She didn't mind being beaten and it took her a very long time even to win a third place in an open competition. She fought discouragement and won through.

To win the Colony Pentathlon Championship at Pokfulam on a May day in 1953 when it had been raining all morning and afternoon she needed a long jump of 16 feet. Nobody would have dreamed she had a chance of coming through in the conditions with the run-up almost feather-bed soft with the pounding it had taken from some 15 hours of rain.

But the Jenniferian will to win was still there and she hurled out to 16 feet 2½ inches. Rained-soaked officials measured it, shook their heads, but couldn't deny it. The two footprints were much too clear in the wet sand.

MOTORING

Suspension Partially Lifted For Geoff Duke

Paris, Apr. 17. Geoff Duke, Britain's world 500 cc Champion, had his six-month suspension partially lifted today by the Sporting Commission of the International Motor Cycling Federation.

Duke, who has been under suspension from all motor cycling events since January 1 this year, is to be allowed to ride from today in any race not counting towards the 1956 World Championships—China Mail Special.



The flashing blade of Sgt Forbes of the King's Own Royal Regiment literally cuts its way into the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week, as we welcome the new FARELF Champion at Arms to lead the weekly review of Army sporting activities.

Fencing at Singapore Sgt Forbes gave a brilliant exhibition of swordsmanship in winning the Foil and Epee and being placed second in the Sabre.

In claiming the title of Champion at Arms he tallied 26 points out of 27 and collected seven cups as tokens of his prowess. Three of these trophies were of course the Challenge Cups for success in the Foil, Epee and Sabre. The Champion at Arms' unique feature of Sgt Forbes' achievements was that he beat CSM Chadwick, APTC, in the Sabre during the Team Championship. This must have given him a lot of satisfaction for Chadwick, later won the FARELF Individual Sabre Championship in which Forbes was placed second.

FOR THE RECORD

For the record book it should be mentioned that Hongkong's other representatives Sgt Day and 2/Lt Jackson were placed 3rd and 5th respectively in the FARELF Team Championship at Arms.

Sgt Day was placed third in the Foil, second in the Epee and third in the Sabre. Lt Jackson was placed fourth in the Foil, and seventh in the Epee. He did not take part in the Sabre event.

The Hughes of the King's Own who fenced in the Sabre was placed seventh in the final pool. The fencers of the King's Own Royal Regiment who represented Hongkong in the FARELF Team Championship were beaten by HQ Singapore Base District in the final by 15 points to 12. They lost the Foil by 5 to 4, won the Epee by 6 to 3 and went into the Sabre event with a 10 to 8 lead. They unfortunately lost this event by 7 to 2 and with that defeat won the FARELF title.

The King's Own were beaten by the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, who were certainly not disgraced and when one remembers that they went into this important competition with only two experienced swordsmen—Sgt. Forbes and 2/Lt Jackson—the real merit of their performance will be appreciated.

SOCCER FINAL

There will be a big military crowd around 19th Field Regiment RA's sports ground at Sek Kong this afternoon when 1st North Staffs and 1st King's Own meet in the final of the Land Forces Unit Football Cup. The King's Own have come bang into the reckoning again with a fine win over 27 HAA Regt RA at the North Staffs last Saturday through against 7 Hussars, the Beas Stables boys will have no inferiority complex when they meet the Major League Champions.

The North Staffs have recently lost the services of McGiverns their captain and left back, and they may be hard pushed to hold the eager opposition who have several polished players in the team.

There is every indication that this will be a real crack-jack game, and with the ground almost certainly hard and unyielding, it could be a King's Own victory, but I'm quite prepared to be wrong for I have a great admiration for this North Staffs side which always tries to play good football.

CROP OF INJURIES

The contingent of Army boxers who went to Singapore for the FARELF Championships have returned with a considerable crop of injuries and a not too pleasant memory or two. Sgt Madden and C/O Hancock both suffered nasty hand injuries and as a result their boxing efficiency and their Championship prospects were badly upset. One of the mysteries of the Championships was the repeated defeat of V/Cpl Meigh, the Land Forces Lightweight Champion. According to comments and reports by spectators the verdict which was given against him was one which stunned the audience as the brilliant little North Staffs boxer seemed to have won by the very clearest of margins.

Such verdicts cannot afterwards be rectified but it would be some satisfaction to hear that a mistake had been made. . . . If that was in fact what happened.

PUZZLING

Boxing is of course very much in the mind of the Hongkong public at the moment with the approach of the annual East Hong promotion. To all intents and purposes, this is one of the most important boxing events of the season and many keen and close followers of the game—particularly in the Army—are surprised and puzzled by the stubborn reluctance of several top class soldier fighters who are not willing to take part in the show.

This is a most unexpected attitude. It is one which it is very difficult to understand and one which may have far-reaching consequences in the future of the military boxing community in the Colony. This has generally been a good season and it would be a great pity if such a magnificent cause as the Earl Haig Poppy Fund did not get the backing that it deserves.

It is to be hoped that some of the reluctant laurel-wreathed soldier pugilists will have second thoughts and decide after all to participate in the programme. An early announcement along these lines would certainly be a fillip to the sale of tickets and ensure that the Poppy Fund would collect a bumper take.

The show is scheduled for April 27 at the MacPherson Stadium in Kowloon. Tickets for reserved chairs at \$5 and \$4 and for unreserved seats at \$2.40 and \$1.20 can be obtained from the DPT at HQF (Tel 34121 Ex 408).

And Now The "Reep Plan" HE PLANS TO PUT ENGLAND ON TOP OF THE SOCCER WORLD

By TONY CORNELL

London, Apr. 18.

A plan to put England on top of the soccer world has been evolved by a former Royal Air Force Wing Commander, Charles Reep. Few people have heard of the Reep-plan, but this business efficiency expert of soccer claims he can re-establish England as a major footballing power with the help of his remarkable match charts and his scientific study of tactics and training methods.

Reep's charts were first displayed two years ago in the office of Stan Cullis, manager of English First Division club, Wolverhampton Wanderers. It was on the night his team defeated Moscow Spartak by four goals to nothing.

"I put them up because they are a principal reason for our success," said Cullis—one of England's leading managers. Reep also helped Wolves to their first Championship in 1954.

Now meet Eric Taylor, manager of runaway Second Division leaders, Sheffield, Wednesday. And as Sheffield came up to the promotion post, manager Taylor discovered that the Reep-plan provides the basis of Wednesday's play.

"He joined us from Wolves at the start of the season," says a smiling Taylor. "Although his theory was difficult to believe at first, it caused me to change our style of play considerably."

"I couldn't have more praise for the wing-commander's work. With the knowledge we've gained, there's no knowing where we shall stop."

Reep's plan is a brilliant system of shorthand which records every detail of a match. In eight years Mr Reep has analysed more than 400 games throughout Europe.

"I am not prepared to disclose the secrets yet," says the wing commander. "I do hope, however, that England will take advantage of them before the 1958 World Cup. After all, they are tried and tested now and have the full support of Mr Cullis and Mr Taylor."

Mr Reep is in many respects the most advanced tactical thinker in British soccer today. His work deserves the widest recognition. In Russia, Hungary and other Iron Curtain countries large Government grants support departments whose task is a scientific study of soccer tactics and training methods.

These same countries have also proved beyond doubt that football style and tactics is an ideal subject for scientific examination. And Mr Reep seems to be the only man in Britain to recognise its vast possibilities. — China Mail Special.

Smallbore League RHKDF "A" EQUAL TEAM RECORD SCORE

The Third Round of the 1956 Colony Smallbore League was fired off at the Hongkong Gun Club on Saturday, April 7. The two Defence Force teams were unable to fire off their cards on this date but fired off on Saturday, April 14.

The RHKDF "A" team fielded two reserves in A. P. Pereira and L. Gutierrez who scored a possible each and went on to help the team equal the team record score made last year of 1,187. A total of eight possibilities was scored, one by each of the following—David Wong, M. Patrick, Cpl Davies, William Eu, A. Novak, H. Souza, A. P. Pereira and L. Gutierrez.

Below are the individual and team scores:

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Sports Diary

TODAY

International Cup Final: Scotland v China (Club) 6.30 p.m.
1st Division: Rovers v Army (King's Park) 5.45 p.m.
Cup Matches: Navy v Army (Rovers) 5.45 p.m.
Army v Navy (Rovers) 5.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

1st Division: Rovers v Club (Rovers) 5.45 p.m.
2nd Division: Army v CAA (Rovers) 5.45 p.m.
Division: CMB v Prisoners (Rovers) 5.45 p.m.
Rovers v Dockyard (Rovers) 5.45 p.m.
Rovers v Dockyard (Rovers) 5.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

St Joseph's College v Mania (St Joseph's) 5.45 p.m.
St Joseph's College v Mania (St Joseph's) 5.45 p.m.

REFEREES' INTERPORT

The Fifth Annual Interport

Miniature football match between the Hongkong Miniature football referees and the Macao referees will be played on April 21, 1956, Saturday at 6.30 p.m. in Macao at Praia Grande Ground.

The following are the records of Previous Interports:—1952 Hongkong drew with Macao 1-1; 1953 Hongkong beat Macao 3-1; 1954 Hongkong beat Macao 3-2; 1955 Hongkong lost to Macao 1-2.

The Hongkong team will leave the Colony on Saturday, April 21 at 2.30 p.m. and play the match on the same day. Sunday they will play friendly matches against the Broadway Theatre, (at 9.30 a.m.) and against the Chung Yee team at 6.00 p.m.

They will return here on Monday.

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BASEBALL ROUND-UP PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES DOWN DODGERS 8-6 IN OPENING DAY SESSION

New York, Apr. 17.

The World Champion Brooklyn Dodgers, who won 10 straight games at the start of last season, discovered today that things may be decidedly different this year when they lost an 8-6 opening day session to the Philadelphia Phillies.

What was even worse, the victim was Big Don Newcombe, their 1955 ace who also won his first 10 games. He was roughed up in a five-run third inning rally that sent him home early.

The big blast was a three-run homer by outfielder Jim Green, but a bases-empty homer in the following inning by Gran Hamner was the run that gave Philly its winning margin.

FOUNDED SOUNDLY Robin Roberts also was pounded soundly in this battle between the only two 20-game winners in the major league last season. But he stuck it out for a nine-hit triumph that included homers by Junior Gilliam and Roy Campanella and a double and two singles by Peeewe Reese.

Home runs were the order of the day all over the baseball map. There were 19 altogether, 11 in the National and eight in the American.

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SPORTS-ROUNDOABOUT

SO LUCKY HE'S
A CRICKETER!

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

Unassuming Stanley Matthews is quietly packing 'em in here, there and everywhere for the benefit funds of lesser-known players, but at Bridgwater on Wednesday, April 25, he plays in a match with a difference.

Whereas footballers' benefits are halved by tax cuts the beneficeaire at Bridgwater will get the lot because he happens to be a cricketer—Maurice Tremlett, the Somerset skipper.

Football is doing Maurice proud. Bristol Rovers are sending their full League team to play Taunton on Wednesday, May 2, for his benefit and while I have no doubt the lads are glad to help in a good cause they will ponder the unfairness of the dividing line drawn by the Chancellor between the two professions.

MISSING

What happened to Jack Crawford, Albion Rovers inside-forward due to play for Peterborough in their "Hunt Senior Cup" tie? George Swindin met the train in from Scotland, but Crawford was not on it and hasn't been heard of since. On a free transfer Crawford was top scorer for Albion last season.

With demands for left-wingers exceeding supplies several clubs, including two in Lancashire, are interested in the direct two-footed raiding of Ray Sambrook. Unfortunately for inquiries, this son of the old Wolves and Liverpool player is a key man in Coventry's future promotion team.

HOW RIGHT!

It's the confidence and intelligent adaptation in preparation for First Division

football, manage Eric Taylor asked the FA three months ago not to consider any Sheffield Wednesday players for the South African tour.

If Blackburn's projected Dutch four materialises they will link up with their boss Johnny Carey, who manages the Eire team in Holland, on May 6 and against Denmark four days later.

Which would you choose—a certain trip to Melbourne Olympics or the slender chance of winning an England cap? Terry Miller, Britain's No. 1 water-polo marksman, prefers the shadow to the substance.

Staffs cricket enthusiasts should see some slick footwork at the wicket if Eddie Baily turns out for Norton C.C., whose professional is Frankie Worrell. Port Vale's inside-forward schmeer built up a big reputation as an all-rounder in London club cricket.

THAT'S SERVICE

Coventry did Lincoln a service by signing Ken McDermott from Middlesbrough and cutting adrift Barry Hawkins, who has since averaged a

goal a match at centre-forward for Lincoln reserves. Barry's first-team promotion is deferred only because his transfer was negotiated after the deadline.

Joe Mercer predicts a distinguished career for Alf Ashmore, 6ft goalkeeper, in his under-18's team which won the Canine Youth Tournament over the holidays. Also for outside left Joe Nibbles, son of the Renfrewshire-born former Sheffield Wednesday international full-back.

WHAT OFFERS?

Whither Louis Simpson, Liverpool inside-forward from nearby Burscough? Says Anfield boss Don Welsh: "We don't want to part, but would consider a good offer if made."

What constitutes a good offer? More than £10,000, it seems, since that was Joe Mercer was prepared to pay on Sheffield United's behalf.

By deciding to take a course at St Luke's College, Exeter, young Welsh inside-forward Michael Jones has turned down a professional Soccer career with Portsmouth. He will now play for Exeter as an amateur.

ON THE TRAIL

After three months in the mines, George O'Brien has decided to do his National Service in the Army. If he is posted south of the Border Stoke, Cardiff and Notts County will be on the trail of this 20-year-old inside-forward of Dunfermline.

Sunderland aim to increase their Scottish contingent by signing big Jack Kelly, the Parkhead centre half-back due for demob on Wednesday, and Larkhall Thistle full-back, Ian Weir.

Annual Royal Air Force Athletic Championships

The finals of the RAF Individual and Team Championships are taking place at RAF Kai Tak this afternoon commencing at 2.30 p.m.

There are 18 events, individual and team, which score points for the teams coming from all units in the Colony. In addition to these events an "Open 880 Yards" is scheduled for 3 p.m. and certain more light-hearted events in the form of veterans, children, and ladies' races take place throughout the afternoon.

The Championships are open to civilian and service spectators who are asked to enter through the large entrance gate about a quarter of a mile, or two bus stops, past the main runway road-crossing on Clearwater Bay Road.

An additional attraction this year is the Royal Air Force Band of the Far East Air Force which will be playing under the direction of Flt. Lt. W. G. Newman.

CORBILLON CUP SMILES



Table tennis players Mrs Angelica Rozeanu, left, and Miss Ella Zeller were successful in keeping the Marcel Corbillon Cup for Rumania when they defeated a Japanese team in the Women's Doubles final of the recent International Table Tennis Tournament.—Express Photo.

Krakatao's Offspring
Appear To Be
First Class

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

The man has not been born who can say in advance whether a racehorse will make a great sire. No professional racing man would have believed after the 1933 Derby that the exceptionally easy winner, Hyperion, would never sire an Epsom Derby winner.

Hyperion did produce the 1941 Derby winner, Owen Tudor, but the race was run at Newmarket.

Later Blue Peter proved one of the best horses seen by the present generation of racers, and only the war robbed him of the triple crown.

Apart from his racing brilliance he came from a sire line (Phalaris and Fairway) which had been continually at the top over a long period and it seemed only natural that he would follow in the family footsteps when he went to the stud.

He is a great sire of brood mares and got one wartime Derby winner in Ocean Swell, but he has never been leading the sires' table year after year as his grandfather did.

TRIPLE CROWN WINNER

The triple crown winner, Bahram, went to America too early in his stud career to be condemned outright, but, in his short stay in England, he did not produce what his racecourse performances would have led one to expect.

It would only have been a natural sequence for breeders to expect Epsom Derby winners from Hyperion, Blue Peter and Bahram, and yet to date not

one has occurred between the three.

These thoughts came to me after watching Harry Wragg's colt, Talgo, walking round the parade ring before the Warwickshire Three-Year-Old Handicap at Birmingham on April 3.

KRAKATAO'S SON

Talgo is a son of Krakatao and was among that sire's first crop of foals. He is developing into a magnificent individual, and I have seen in various studies this season some really first-class stock sired by Krakatao—both two-year-olds and three-year-olds.

For instance, Peter Thrale has one of the finest-looking two-year-olds in England in Volcano, also a son of Krakatao.

Now Krakatao was only a handiapper, though a very good one, for he won the Chesterfield Cup at Goodwood with 9st. 7lb. In all, however, he won less than £2,000 in stake money.

He stamps his stock so well that there can be no question of him not proving a first-class stallion, though whether his offspring will measure up to classic standard remains to be seen.

One would hardly think so from his racecourse performances but one cannot get away from the attraction of his offspring.

Southern racegoers will see Talgo in action in the Duke of York Handicap at the Kempton "Jubilee" meeting, where he will carry his small penalty. By then he will be an even better looking colt and a fine advertisement for his sire.

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Barry Cup Golf

The draw and starting times for the Barry Cup Competition to be played at Shrek O on Sunday April 22 over 36 holes against bogey, is as follows:

9.30 & 1.30—A. G. Dorn/W. W. S. McLean; 2.30 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 3.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 4.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 5.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 6.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 7.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 8.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 9.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 10.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 11.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 12.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 1.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 2.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 3.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 4.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 5.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 6.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 7.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 8.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 9.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 10.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 11.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 12.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 1.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 2.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 3.40 & 1.40—A. H. Leach/H. D. Bell; 4.40 & 1.40—A. H. 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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Commonwealth Savings Bank

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$170,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HSBC Bank 1072 1090
East Asia 220

INSURANCES
Union 1071 1090 4 1090

DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 75 77 300 70
XD 75 77 300 70

Precedent (O) 13 10 13 10
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LAND, ETC.
HK Hotel 13 70 13 70
HK Land 13 70 13 70
Throughway 13 70 13 70
Realty 1 40 1 40 1500 1 40

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Trust 22 30 22 30
Yam Sui Ferry 100 101 200 101

C. Light (O) 22 30 22 30
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Dairy 10 70 10 70
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Deposits Fall Off

Sydney, Apr. 17. The Commonwealth Savings Bank at the end of February held deposits of \$704 million, an official of the bank told the Sydney Morning Herald.

This represented a decline during February of \$2.48 million—or less than 3 per cent of deposits' balances. The official was commenting on a statement yesterday by the Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank that its deposits in the six weeks to the end of February totalled \$10.9 million.

The Commonwealth Bank official said the decline in deposits' balances in March would be "nowhere near" the February figure of \$2.48 million—though final figures were not yet available.

Not Concerned At

Competition

Asked if the Commonwealth Bank was concerned at competition from private savings banks, the official said: "Certainly not."

"We knew that the big decline in our balances in February probably went to the private savings banks."

"But with 1,500 branches between them what can you expect?"

"We feel most of their new depositors are people who merely sought to do their trading and savings bank business under the one roof."

"In January and February the Commonwealth Savings Bank opened 100,000 new accounts, compared with 145,000 in the same period last year."

The official said he understood that the Bank of New South Wales' officials said that no decision had been reached on the savings bank's future investment policy, or on what funds would be available for housing loans.

But the licence under which the bank operated provided that at least 70 per cent of its funds must be held in cash or invested in Government or semi-Government securities.

US CREDITS

Washington, Apr. 17. Credits totalling \$5,054,000 to concerns in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, the Philippines, Ecuador and Italy were announced by the Import-Export Bank.

The credits would be used to buy United States machinery and industrial equipment.

Brazil would receive \$2,900,000, Mexico \$1,805,000, Colombia \$200,000, Ecuador \$310,000, Italy \$290,000 and the Philippines \$450,000 to assist in various enterprises in each country.

—China Mail Special.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Apr. 17. The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 10 points higher to 15 points lower with sales of 320 contracts.

The standard contract closed 15 points higher to 15 points lower with 30 sales reported.

Dealing covering at the close, along with some commission house buying, absorbed most of the scattered hedge selling and small liquidation.

Factory and other consumer buying in the local market remained slow. Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted nominally 32 1/2 cents a pound.

Futures:

No. 1 Rss	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	31 00-42 00	31 00-42 00	31 00-42 00	31 00-42 00	31 00-42 00	31 00-42 00	31 00-42 00	31 00-42 00
Standard contract	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
May	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
June	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
July	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
Aug.	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
Sept.	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
Oct.	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
Nov.	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
Dec.	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00

SINGAPORE

The market eased on lack of support from trade interest. There was, however, some manufacturer interest and also some switching in lower grades.

Futures:

No. 3	"	"	88 1/2-90
No. 4	"	"	87-90
Spot rubber unbleached		91 1/2-90
Blanket crepe		103-87
No. 1 pale crepe		109-11

LONDON

The market was barely steady

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The market was quiet. Prices with spot quoted at 27 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
Settlement house term:	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
Oct/Dec.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
General market, cif basis, ports:	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
May	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
June	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
Estate crepe thin May	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	31 1/2-31 1/2	31 1/2-31 1/2	31 1/2-31 1/2	31 1/2-31 1/2	31 1/2-31 1/2	31 1/2-31 1/2	31 1/2-31 1/2	31 1/2-31 1/2
thick	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2

AMSTERDAM

The market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif May, as follows:

No. 1 Rss	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
No. 2 rubber	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2
No. 3 rubber	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2
No. 1 crepe	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2

London Foreign Exchange

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No. 1 Rss	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2	27 1/2-27 1/2
No. 2 rubber	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2
No. 3 rubber	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2	25 1/2-25 1/2
No. 1 crepe	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2	108-111 1/2

IN PRINCIPLE

At the talks in Geneva the delegates agreed in principle to renew the old agreement along roughly the same lines. However, it was just these lines over which Britain is so strongly opposed and the reason why she did not join the old agreement.

At the beginning of the Geneva talks the British delegates made it clear that his country would not re-enter the IWA since the pact did not do anything to link the disposal of existing supplies with the working of the IWA. He suggested that a set of international agreed rules for the orderly disposal of accumulated wheat supplies be set up.

When the conference adjourned on March 23 the communiqué said that when the talks were resumed it would give "further consideration" to the British proposals.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market, this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2
sterling notes (per £1)	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2
Singapore dollar (per 100)	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2	2 1/2-2 1/2

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Apr. 17. Cotton futures today moved irregularly in less active dealings.

After see-sawing over a range of 3 1/2 bales, the market closed net 3 higher to 7 points lower. Opening prices were up 3 to 5 points. New Orleans closed up 5 to 6 off 3 points.

Monday's activity and strength, following Presidential vote of the farm bill, simmered down overnight as trade interest awaited for the promised early announcement giving details of the export programme for raw cotton and the new Government loan rate.

Technicians calculate that under the minimum support base of at least 82 1/2¢ of parity, the average loan rate for new crop middling one-inch would be around 31 1/2 cents a pound.

Thus, the irreducible minimum rate actually would be higher than the three-cent drop which Agriculture Secretary Mr. Benson indicated the desired while Congress was debating the farm bill.

A three-cent reduction would have made the loan rate around 31.55 cents a pound. Pending new developments of the loan rate and export programme, traders proceeded cautiously.

New Orleans brokers sold at the opening, then turned to the buying side, only to liquidate again in later trading.

Mill interest, commission houses, local traders and shippers also were identified on both sides of the market, apparently in routine evening-up operations.

The certificated stock decreased 60 bales overnight to 1,200 bales.

Month	Volume	Open	Interest
May	14,200	233,000	233,000
June	17,200	300,200	300,200
July	35,000	313,300	313,300
Aug.	40,000	400,100	400,100
Sept.	13,700	150,100	150,100
Oct.	22,200	112,100	112,100
Nov.	17,000	100,000	100,000
Dec.	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	185,500	1,613,000	1,613,000

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

July	31.77
Oct.	31.00

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Sept.	25.55
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1956.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

HOME AND AWAY

ROBERT is 21, though he looks much younger, and he lives with his parents in their home in the East End, where all his boyhood has been spent.

Home for a boy, and for a young man until he chooses to leave it, should provide at once both a base, well-secured, from which to set out adventuring, and a bolt-hole, a refuge, to fly to when the outside world turns nasty.

Robert's home was more like the no-man's land in a battlefield than a base or a sanctuary. His father and his mother were at variance, and the atmosphere in the home was one of sullen, smouldering hostility. Cold war that periodically erupted into hot.

ROBERT, as far as he could take either, took his mother's side in the rows and wrangling, but his part was chiefly a passive, non-combative one, and as so often happens to non-combatants, it was he who suffered most in the conflict, a restricted battle area.

By day, Robert worked for a furniture-making firm, earning £10 a week, of which he gave half to his mother for his keep. By night? That was the problem. What to do in the long evenings and at week-ends to escape from his home.

ROBERT found several means of escape. By working as late as his employers would let him, he cut down the length of his evenings a little. And he took to going to classes of various kinds—dancing classes and some at which leatherwork was the subject—to get away from home.

He had friends, and being a prudent youth, had money saved to pay for occasional visits to the cinema and the theatre. But despite the trouble he took to fill up every evening, there were occasional times when he had nowhere to go and could not face staying at home.

TOO EARLY TO GO HOME. It was too recently. Arrangements he had made to meet a friend fell down. He spent an hour at the friend's house watching television there with the family, but at 10 o'clock Robert had to leave.

It was too early to go home. Robert decided to go to the West End to look at the theatres and pick one to visit later in the week with his girl.

At 11.25 that evening two plain clothes policemen arrested Robert as a suspected person loitering with felonious intent. They had seen him, they said, slipping down into basement areas.

ANOTHER CHANCE? AT the Clerkenwell court, the magistrate, Mr. C. Camplin, found Robert guilty, and was told there was one previous conviction against him. He had been put on probation last autumn for stealing from an employer.

Now, this probation officer went into the witness-box. He told the magistrate about Robert's home life. "As a result of the atmosphere there," he said, "this young man is very highly strung and nervous."

"I'm not surprised that he was out so late. I don't think he ever goes home until the last possible moment."

"Would you be willing to give him another chance on probation?"

"Most certainly," said the probation officer, with a smile. "Very well." The magistrate turned to Robert. "I'm going to discharge you conditionally," he said, "and the probation order will continue."

"Thank you," said Robert, and he went away, back to his work, back later, as much later as he could, to the battlefield of his home.

A fine of \$300 was imposed by Mr. Hui-shing Lo at Central this morning on Lee Kwong, 52, of No. 3 Eastern Street, second floor, for possession of dutiable goods.

Mr. Lo also ordered that the goods seized (including 112 boxes of Tortoise Extract, 42 boxes of Tortoise and Stage Extract and 70 boxes of Stage Extract) be confiscated if the duty of \$118.75 was not paid within 24 hours.

Revenue Insp. Kerswell told the Court that on Sunday a party of Revenue officers visited the Man Chun Medical Company, 24, Ko Shing Street, ground floor, and seized the goods, duty on which had not been paid.

Finally came a group of Chopin. The Nocturne in C minor, being all on one gentle level, the Valse in F was an interesting choice, not one of the most popular, but brilliant and effectively given.

In the group of studies Miss Kohler again excelled with her easy technical command of these difficult works, every note was clear in passages which are too often "faked" by lesser players.

The B flat minor Scherzo ended the programme, a dramatic work, containing many moods in its short duration. Here the contrasts were well emphasized, and Miss Kohler retained to the end of this demanding programme the freshness and brilliance as she had revealed at the beginning.

As encores, she gave a movement from a Mozart Sonata in C, and Liszt's Dance of the Gnomes. An encouragingly large audience finally let her go, but hopes that she will now return to Hong Kong, regularly in her concert tour—X.X.C.

Two fishermen pleaded guilty before Mr. T. Crookson at Kowloon Court this morning to possession without a licence of eight Sten guns.

The fishermen, Cheung To-fuk, 24, and Cheung Ping, 20, claimed that they had dredged the weapons from the sea during fishing operations.

Inspector Chan Cheung-chuen, prosecuting, said the defendants were on board the sampan when the Police intercepted the craft at a point 200 yards offshore on the east side of Lynton Pass on April 8. The Police found a rack on board containing the Sten guns.

The Inspector added that the defendants were genuine fishermen and the Police had no doubt that the weapons were dredged out from the bottom of the sea off Lam Tung Island in Colonial waters. He said that a certain amount of arms had been recovered by the military authorities in the same area sometime last year.

Mr. Crookson ordered both defendants to be bound over for \$500 for 12 months. The weapons, which are in good condition and serviceable, were confiscated.

IRENE KOHLER'S RECITAL

The Music Society of Hong Kong can reckon that its first concert was a great success. That success was largely due to the fine playing of Irene Kohler who gave a recital in the University Loke Yew Hall last night.

Miss Kohler is a pianist whose outstanding qualities are power and precision. This was already evident from her broad, cantabile previous evening, when she played Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata. Last night's programme was well chosen to demonstrate this power and depth—almost a feeling of physical depth, of sinking right down into the notes, and producing organ-like sonority in the bass.

The opening work was Bach's "Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue." The beginning of both sections was somewhat marred by a curious echo in the hall which blurred the softer passages. But this was overcome as the Fugue built up in volume.

A PLEASURE

The second big work—the major item of the concert—was Brahms's two sets of Variations on the theme by Paganini. Like the Handel-Brahms Variations (which I personally prefer), these variations contain demands on every kind of pianistic ability. Miss Kohler has a technique and approach eminently suitable to Brahms's great striding phrases and colossal chord structure. It was a pleasure to hear a woman pianist play with such technical power and at the same time with such ease of wrist, arm and fingers, and it was also a pleasure to watch the interplay of the hands.

Between these two large works came a little two-movement Mozart Sonata in E-flat, quiet and cheerful. The echo made itself heard again here, interfering with the requisite delicacy.

The second half of the programme contained two pieces from "Berlioz" by Albert and Debussy's "Reflets." These all belong to the "reflex" type of music, and Miss Kohler used precision and lightness to achieve the vocative mood, particularly in the Debussy picture where his playing implied, yet with the technical facility, typical of Debussy.

A Scherzo by Arthur Benjamin, dedicated to Miss Kohler, was a humorous, revealing a somewhat implausible outlook characteristic of this pleasant composer (for instance in his Jamaican Rumba for two pianos).

GROUP OF CHOPIN

While admitting that there were smuggling activities going on in the New Territories, Mr. Frost said the shortage was temporary and it might partly have been caused by a very small quota of kerosene being withdrawn from Shatin to supplement that at Un Long during the past few days. He added that the transfer of the quota had now been stopped.

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THE CAUSE

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But, he said, the small-time collectors, who purchased odd tins of kerosene from retailers, grocery stores and small shops and sold them to smugglers for a small profit, were the persons responsible for the artificial shortage of the fuel. Their activities were difficult to curb as shop keepers had no reason to refrain from selling them a tin on request.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My psychology book says to ignore such performances."

"Jimmy's just trying to attract attention!"

HK Oil Companies Tackling Kerosene Smuggling Racket

A Chinese resident of Shatin complained in the correspondence page of a vernacular newspaper yesterday that he was unable to obtain his supply of kerosene at the controlled price and that even at the blackmarket rate of \$9 per tin of four imperial gallons, Shatin residents still found it difficult to obtain the fuel freely.

The correspondent alleged that smuggling was the cause of the shortage and that the genuine consumers were suffering because of the illegal activities.

Commenting on this, Mr. R. Y. Frost, General Manager of The Shell Co. of Hong Kong, Ltd., said this morning that if the correspondent would write to his company directly, the matter would be put right and that his supply of kerosene at regular price would be assured. Mr. Frost requested any person experiencing a similar difficulty, to write to the company and the complaint would be investigated.

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WITNESS BECOMES UNWELL DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION

The woman complainant in the case against a 27-year-old unemployed charged with robbery with aggravation in the Criminal Sessions this morning became unwell during cross-examination by the Defence Counsel and was allowed to leave the Court for a short rest.

During her absence two other Prosecution witnesses were examined.

On trial before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg, Acting Senior Judge is Tsui Dick, alias Tsui Tsang-yui, alias Robert Tsui, and he is alleged to have, together with two other persons, robbed Tsui Sau-nor at her residence at Lan Fong Road, of money and jewellery to a total value of over \$28,000.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Insps. S. C. Wong. Accused is defended by Mr. Patrick Yu, on the instructions of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko.

Tsui Sau-nor, the complainant in her evidence yesterday had stated that she identified the accused at an identification parade as being one of three men who carried out an armed robbery at her residence on October 19 last.

In answer to the Defence Counsel, Mr. Yu, complainant said that on the morning of January 17 she went to the Eastern Police Station with her children and her driver. She was driven there in her own car. Later she proceeded to Bay View Police Station.

"I DON'T REMEMBER"

She said she could not now remember whether she entered Bay View Station by the front entrance. She believed that the car stopped at the entrance and she walked into the Station.

Complainant said she could not remember whether, on walking into the Station, she noticed the charge room facing the entrance. She agreed she had been to the Station on three occasions for the purpose of identification.

Mr. Yu: Do you still say that when you entered the entrance you did not notice the charge room immediately facing you?

Complainant: It is a long time now, I don't remember.

In answer to a further question, complainant said that she could neither read nor write Chinese or English.

Mr. Yu: What I am surprised at is that yesterday when you related the events that took place at your flat you had no hesitation in remembering quite a lot of things. This morning when you were asked about what took place at Bay View, you did not seem to remember very much. Why is that?

Complainant: I am dizzy.

DECLINES OFFERS

Defence Counsel asked complainant whether she was not well and whether she wished to sit down. Complainant declined the offer of a chair and said she preferred to stand.

She also declined when asked by the Lordship whether she would like a glass of water.

When Defence Counsel's question was repeated, complainant said that her mind was not working. She told his Lordship she was not feeling well and accepted a suggestion that she take a short rest.

Complainant was then escorted from the Courtroom, accompanied by her husband.

Det. Sgt. Wong Shui said he was a member of a Police party, headed by Det. Sub-Inspector S. C. Wong which accompanied the accused on a visit to an address in Diamond Hill on the morning of January 17. They returned to Eastern Station at about 3.30 a.m.

Det. Cpl. Cheung Sau, another member of the same party gave corroborative evidence. It was about 3.50 a.m. when he finished work.

He agreed with Defence Counsel that the accused was handed over to the Inspector on duty and put in a cage at 3.58 a.m. as recorded. He did not look at the time then. He assumed it must be correct if it was so recorded.

ASSAULT DENIED

Mr. Yu: Are you aware that between the time you arrived back at the Station and the time accused was put in a cage he was taken into the CID office and assaulted?

Witness: There was no such thing.

In re-examination, witness told Crown Counsel that he was with the accused all the time until he was handed over to be put into a cage. Between 3.38 a.m. and 3.50 a.m. he said he went to look at a book in the CID office. He also washed his hands before he left. Accused was not in the CID office when he went there.

Hearing is proceeding.

Sailor Robs Woman

Michael Sanders, 18, a sailor of HMS St Brides Bay, was cautioned and bound over in \$500 for one year by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central this morning for stealing \$100 from a woman.

Mr. d'Almada said it was not his policy to send first offenders to gaol. "You are young. It was a very foolish act for you to steal for no apparent reason."

Defendant's superior officer told the court that Sanders joined the Services in July, last year, and his character had been assessed as good. He had no previous conviction.

\$100 MISSING

The Prosecution officer told the Court that at 9 p.m. yesterday, the defendant went to the house of the complainant, Chan Ho, at the roof top of No. 25 Thompson Road. A short while later, the complainant left the house to see what was happening outside, and when she returned the defendant had left. She immediately checked her purse and found \$100 missing.

Running downstairs, she met the defendant and asked him to return to the house. She then asked the defendant if he had taken any money and defendant denied he had. She searched him but found nothing. She then asked defendant to take off his shoes whereupon the defendant refused and ran downstairs, closely chased by the complainant. He was later arrested by two policemen and a passer-by.

At the police station, a total of \$87 was found on him, \$3 out of the \$100 stolen being missing. Cautioning the defendant, Mr. d'Almada also ordered him to repay the missing \$3 to the complainant.

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ON THE RECORD

In recent months there has been a lot of activity in Hong Kong on the part of visiting movie-men. From Hollywood have come teams to make at least three "big" pictures, two of which have been shown here and one will be released soon, and scenes for one episode in "Around the World" were also shot here.

Now there seems to be a surge of interest on the part of the music men. I hear that Mercury are interested in the theme song from the local English-language film, "The Mandarin's Bowl" and recordings of some of the best Chinese singing stars have been sent to Europe for pressing by another big record company.

There is a long list of tunes on record which have done very well in Great Britain and America after their "discovery" out in this part of the world by an enterprising Western musician. "China Nights" and "Rose, Rose I Love You" are the two most known but there have been many more.

Some of the local composers are already sharpening their pencils and attuning their ears to the Western style in the hope of writing a hit.

With a modern record-producing plant in Hong Kong it would be possible to turn out a genuine home-made hit if the right song came along. It would sound good on the local hi-parades, wouldn't it?

TROUBLE FOR NAT

You probably read of the unfortunate incidents at a recent Nat 'King' Cole appearance in a town in one of the Southern States. His act was broken up by a group of people who apparently objected to his being a Negro. It is pleasant to add that although Nat was knocked about a bit he was able to carry on and when he appeared again at his next show in another town the audience gave him a tremendous ovation, just to let him know that they were on his side.

This column is no place for a discussion on the colour problem in the States but there is one thing worthy of mention. Of all the recording stars, think how many are Negroes. Band leaders Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington and Count Basie rank high in the list of great artists. Piano players Errol Garner and Teddy Wilson head a list of keyboard wizards who are coloured. The singing girls include Sarah Vaughan, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington. The men have Nat 'King' Cole, Billy Eckstine, Billy Daniels and many groups such as the Mills Brothers.

The Negro musicians and singers of America have made a great and significant contribution to their country's music and it is a shame that they should be attacked in the way Nat was by a group of people who want to retain the old order of segregation.

ODDS AND ENDS

Estela, singing at the Blue Heaven, is one of the brightest singers ever to grace our stage. A shame that she is already coming out and it would not surprise me to hear of others. Lillian Briggs, the girl who belts out the current popular hit "I Want You" in such a vibrant and vigorous way, is another who is remarkably well. She plays drums and drives her own band. The singing is part of her act but her lorry driving is a thing of the past. Lillian used to do that for a long time. She is reported to have said recently that if people get fed up with the way she sings she can always go back to it.

Libertine may not go to Britain after all. The singer, who was as good as a flop in the United Kingdom, is now in America and his television films are not being so well received either. It has always amazed me that he was able to get away with his rather too obvious charms at all, even in the States, and I am not at all surprised to hear that the British middle-aged ladies are not following the example of their American counterparts and going all giddy over Libertine.

BEGINNERS PLEASE

Finally a reminder to those who feel that they too could make the grade as a singing star. The new series of Radio Hong Kong talent programmes starts at the end of this month and there is still a chance for you to get on one of them. There will be six in all, every Thursday evening, and from the six competitors there will be cash prizes of \$100. The most important of all for the competitors is that the programme is a thing of the past. Lillian used to do that for a long time. She is reported to have said recently that if people get fed up with the way she sings she can always go back to it.

They claim that the money was the balance to their credit from deposits with the money-changers by the father, Kwan Sun-hoi, for the purpose of remittances to China in 1950.

The defendant money-changers are represented by Mr. Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr. G.S. Ford. They allege that all the money was remitted to the son, Kwan Wing-tat, in 1950 and that the plaintiffs had no more money to their credit.

Street Thefts

A Chinese woman had her wristlet watch stolen at 9.10 a.m. yesterday whilst walking in Second Street, Western District. A suspect has been detained in connection with this case.

At 8 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese male stole a wristlet watch from a woman pedestrian in Gough Street, Central District. A pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese woman passenger on board a bus travelling along Nathan Road at about 8 a.m. yesterday. Another pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese male pedestrian near the Shamshuipo Ferry Wharf. A suspect has been detained in connection with the latter case.

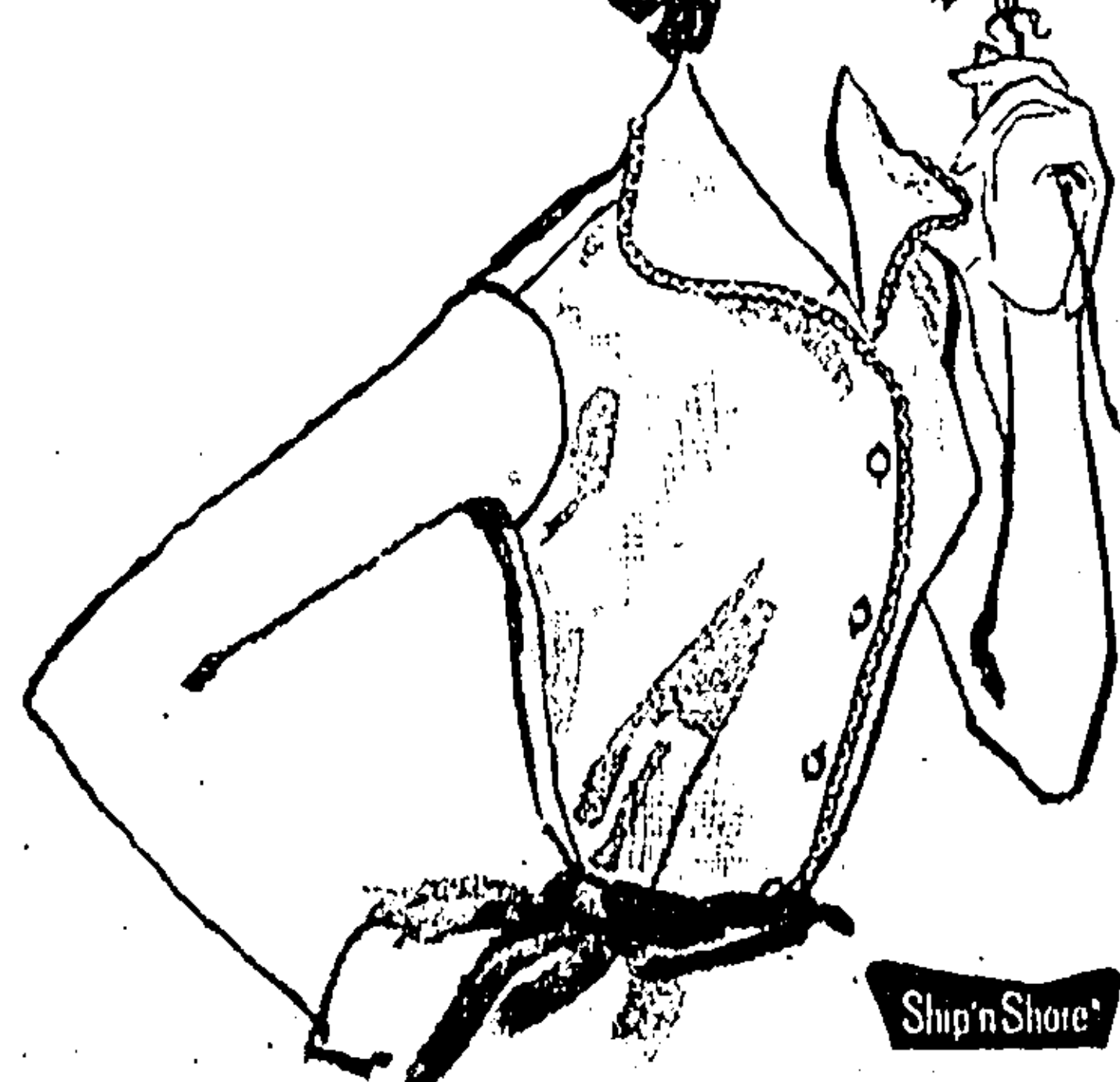
COUPLE ROBBED

At about 11.20 p.m. yesterday, a party of men, including a Chinese couple, on the hillside at Shui Lai Wan, Shamshuipo, stole watches and cash to the total value of \$145, and despatched

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